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Making the Scene

'85

Kick & See

Vicki,

You're A very pretty girl
Whom I've enjoyed being in
Class this year. You are a
very intelligent and nice
young lady. Call me sometime.

Stay

Live!

Love
Clark

Vicki,
Well another year is
over, and I'm very
glad we've stayed
friends all this time.
I hope it stays that
way. Well I hope you
wishes come true, and
we stay friends 4 ever!
Good luck next year, see
you this summer. Love always
Vicki
See

You are cool
You are neat
And you are sweet
So I sign this
So show you el
love.

Jack Windom

\$88
Rules

Vicki,
You're A very pretty
young lady who I
enjoyed being with.
Stay cool and sweet
which you are
It's been great having
you sit by me in 2nd hrs
You're a great friend
Good luck in the 10th

Stay
live!

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Elaine Behn

Making The Scene

Vicki,
It has been a
fun year. Have
fun this summer.

Stephen Rowe

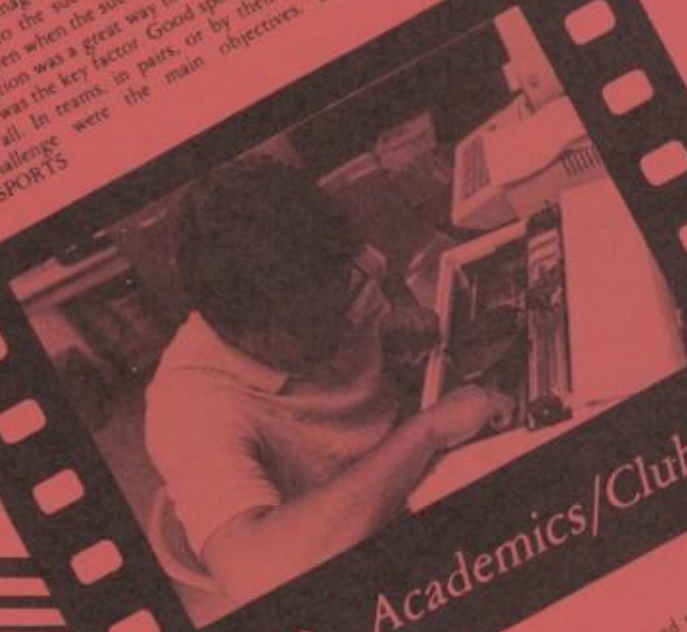
Life

thing in the life of most teens. alone, each person with his or her own. Students without cars were helped from friends, fun, food, and love were the basics for having a good time. Some of the latest fashions, to the latest works of literature, to the latest things. Some, it seemed, never slept but were with the task of having fun. SCENE ONE.



46 Sports

Whether keeping in shape or just looking for a little competition, sports were an exciting part of life for athletes and spectators alike. Building players had lots of help on the road to victory. Coaches, but girls, sideline attendants, managers, cheerleaders and many others were important to the success of the teams, and helped to raise spirit even when the success rate wasn't so high. Spare-time recreation was a great way to have fun, where self-motivation was the key factor. Good sportsmanship was displayed by all. In teams, in pairs, or by themselves, exercise and challenge were the main objectives. SCENE TWO.



72 Academics/Clubs

Organizations learned, laughed and raised the funds to do both. There were required classes that included everyone and specialized classes for college, while others taught them specific trades. Clubs gave the chance for leadership, recognition and participation. Many clubs showed off and developed specific talents. Other associations gave members a chance to learn with similar interests together. They brought people out into the open and got them involved. SCENE THREE. ACADEMICS AND CLUBS



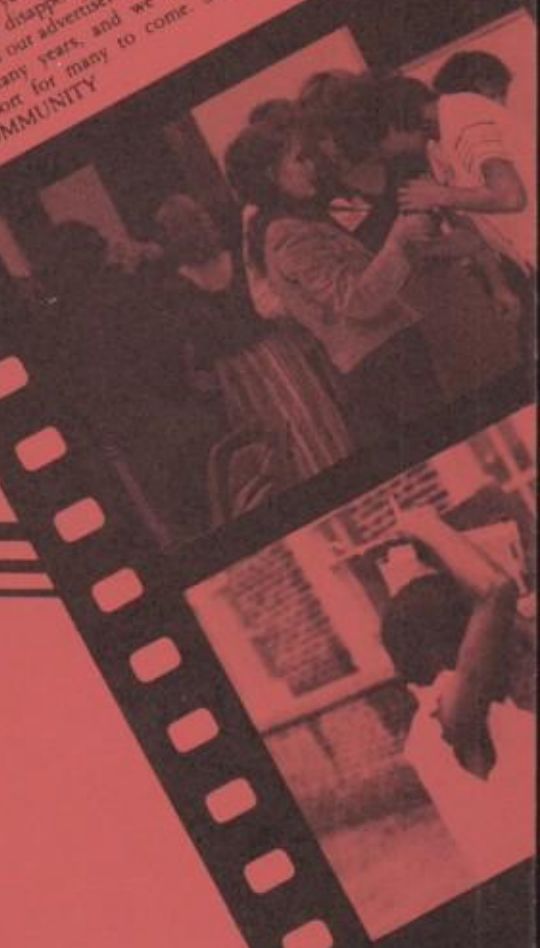
108 People

Look at him! Remember when I looked like that? I remember when that picture was taken, we were just some of the comments heard on the first viewing of a yearbook, and the memories will last for many years. Faces and personalities — these are what the yearbook is all about. Individual pictures are the first thing students find in a new yearbook, and are used again and again. Finding old friends, showing off and old flame, placing a name or face that's just come to mind, all of these are uses for this section. Students will always remember their friends at Okmulgee High School, because they have their yearbook. SCENE FOUR. PEOPLE



154 Ads/Community

The businesses of Okmulgee made many departments at the high school possible. The most valuable resource in any city is its citizens and their contributions to their neighbors, and this city is rich in that area. Members of the community dedicated their time, talents and funds to making Okmulgee High School the best it could be, and they were not disappointed. Torchlight advertisers are the people who made the yearbook possible, and we hope that they, too, were not disappointed. A salute to the citizens of Okmulgee and our advertisers is something that has been in order for many years, and we hope they will continue their support for many to come. SCENE FIVE. ADS AND COMMUNITY



Vicki - It has been great having you sit by me in 3rd hr all yr. long. I'm sorry that we didn't rekindle our friendship sooner, but I'm glad we have become friends again. Good Luck in the next 3 yrs.

Love,
Lee
SR '88

Vicki, I'm glad I've gotten to know you. Stay sweet and I'll see ya this summer.

Love,
Robin S
Sr. 86.

Vicki,
 It's been fun
 getting to know you
 and having you in 4th hour. I
 like you because you're someone
 that I can talk to (also because
 you're pretty). Stay the way you are. See
 ya' this summer.
 Love,
 Scott Allen
 R'86 (one more year!)

Vicki
 a nice, cut, loving, and very
 sexy person who likes
 having as a friend
 Mandy
 Mandy

Vicki,
 You are a very sweet
 girl. I'm really glad
 we finally got to be
 friends and I have
 enjoyed being in
 5th hour with you.
 Thanks for helping
 make this year
 fun. Hang in there—
 Rick will come to
 his senses soon. Don't worry.
 I guess I'll see you
 this summer.

Lynas, F/F
 Lynn

Vicki,
 You're a sweet girl!
 I hope you have fun
 this summer and
 next year! Good luck
 in everything you do.
 I'll miss you lots!
 Love
 Cheryl

Vicki,
 We're had
 a lot of good times
 in track. I'm glad
 we got to be friends.
 You're really pretty
 & nice. Take care &
 have a good summer.
 See you next yr.
 S.S. Ofc
 Julie
 Debbie

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Vicki,

I guess I'll start
off right by spelling
your name correctly.
It has been nice seeing
you in your mom's class.
Good luck with everyone
and everything. I'm sure you
have some plans and I
hope you either carry them out
or find something better. I hope
that made sense. It's been
a lot of fun!

Chris
Graham

The Scene Comes Into Focus

Lights, camera, action! Our scene begins in a small city in northeastern Oklahoma: population 16,232. Okmulgee, or "bubbling waters" in the Creek Indian tongue, seems to be a typical, peaceful place at first glance. It is the home of one of the best technical institutions in the nation, Oklahoma State Tech, and of the world's only Creek Indian Council House. There are no traffic jams, no large buildings, and only an occasional sensational event. It is 1984, another election year. Campaign slogans wave from front yards, streets are being repaired, and no, Big Brother is not watching. Nearby, the tiny town of Morris is rebuilding itself after last April's devastating tornado. Okmulgee High School sits idly in the center of town, patiently waiting for a new school year to begin.

A background documentary would show us that the teenagers of Okmulgee have not been sitting idly. They have spent the summer doing everything from watching soap operas to attending rodeos. There were two new restaurants in town, Wendy's and Western Sizzlin', providing jobs as well as good food. Students have

been seen "out on the Drag", at "the Hut", shopping for clothes, or maybe just spending time with those special friends that will soon be leaving for college. There have been early practices for band members and all-day practices for football players. Some students camped, hunted or fished, making use of the great out-of-doors. Green Country baseball teams gained victory in the sticky summer heat, and some students came out to join the fun. Like other teens across the nation, local youth flocked to rock concerts and bought records and tapes by the dozens. Everyone had a favorite summer song, and everyone had a favorite type of music. The summer's movies were another form of entertainment. Gremlins, Ghostbusters and Purple Rain now cost five dollars per person to see in Tulsa, but these blockbusters were seen more than once by many.

On September fourth, the first day of school, 764 squeaky-clean students poured into the area in front of Brock Memorial Gymnasium. The windows of the gym shouted "greetings" to everyone, especially the freshmen, having been

enscribed with shoe polish by the seniors the night before. Students tried to look their best for their first day, even though many of their clothes violated the dress code. The dress code quickly became a "hot issue" around school. Among the more popular items "outlawed" this year were studded or spiked belts and sweat pants. "Mini" skirts were also discouraged. There were other alternatives to these, however, that were now at the height of fashion. Faded denim jean jackets, parachute pants and, of course, good old Levi's were seen throughout the school.

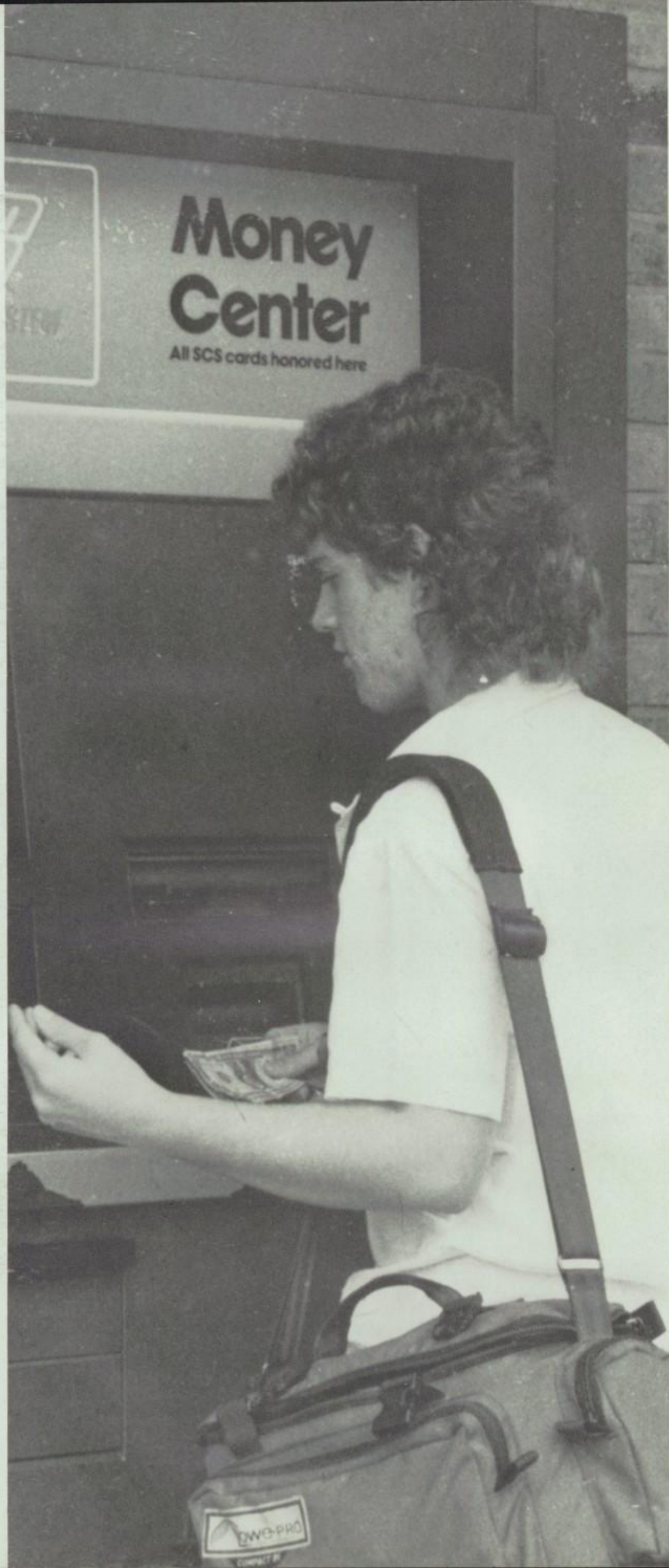
A new year was about to begin, filled with all of the things that make up the complete life of a school. School meant learning new things, both in dealing with people and in working on new skills. Learning, however important, was only part of the picture. Student life, extracurricular activities and friends were also part of the life of everyone, and also helped everyone to learn new things.



ENGLISH I CLASSES, weren't always fun. Mrs. Jackson's class is beginning to prepare for more challenging English classes in the high school years ahead of them, wanting that higher grade.

MIKE GLASS WAITS impatiently for his new senior schedule on the first day of school. Coach Dan Sullivant, the senior counselor, must distribute schedules to all of the seniors in addition to his other duties.





DOUG WERTMAN ISN'T ALL smiles for he seems to have gotten pushed aside in the confusion of obtaining schedules. The first day of school is always one of everyone's most hectic days.

THE MONEY CENTER at First National Bank is a good place to get some quick cash, as photographer Steve Clark has discovered. The center is open twenty-four hours a day which helps out in emergencies.

A Changing Scene

Students returning to school noticed a few changes from the past. Computerized scheduling had finally come to Okmulgee, and though there were a few flaws, it came as a welcome improvement.

The lines for obtaining those schedules on the first day of school showed a change in student distribution: the huge freshman class required two lines, while the senior line barely reached Okmulgee Street. The senior class had no members who were foreign exchange students, which was a break in the trend of two years past. While standing in schedule lines, classmates became re-acquainted after a summer when there just wasn't enough time to keep up with everyone. People had changed, friendships had changed, fashions had changed, the school itself had even changed.

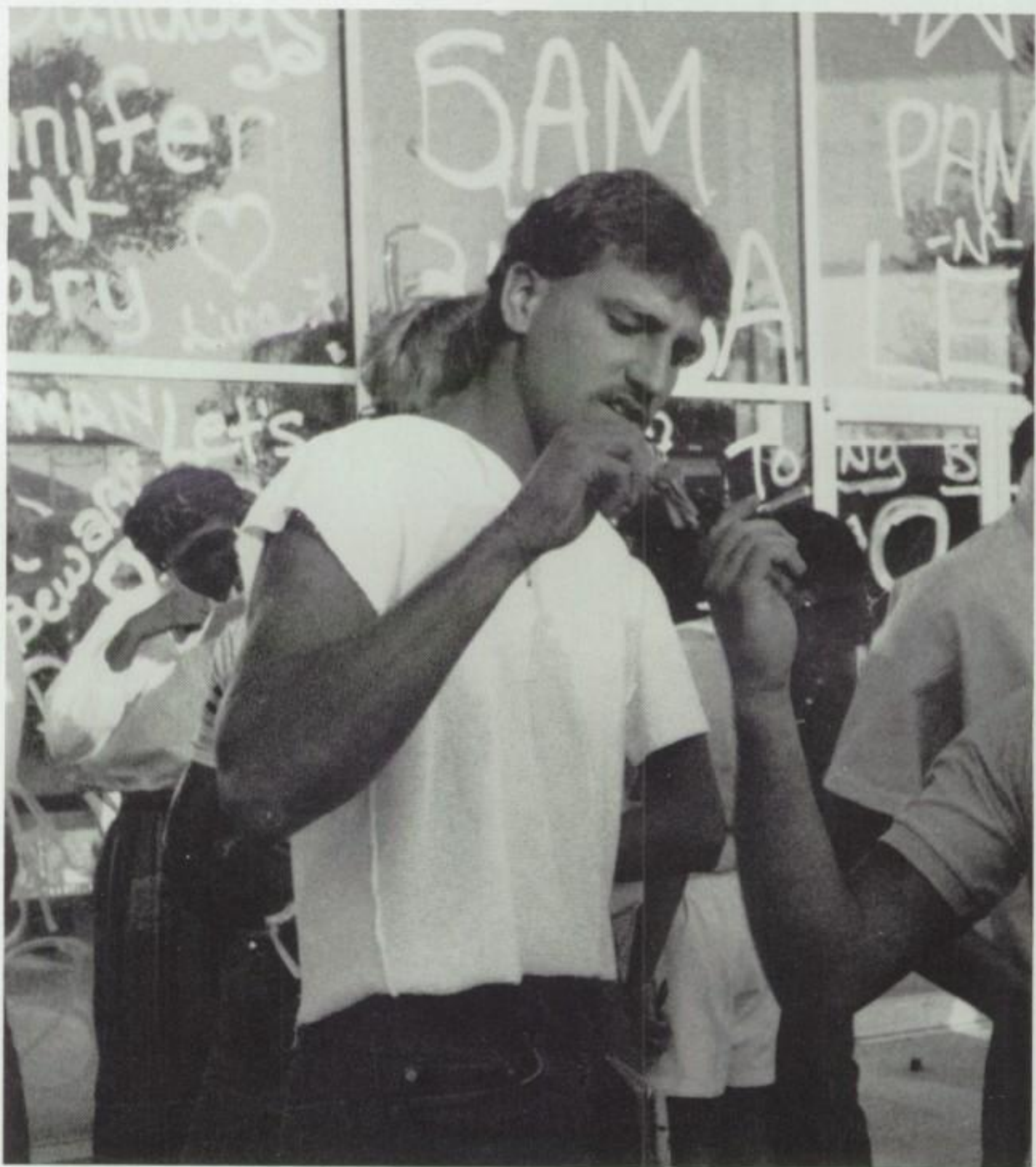
Several teachers retired last year, meaning that many of the 1984-85 upperclassmen had to learn room numbers and teachers' names all over again. There were no old notes to be passed down from a veteran student in these classes; only hard work could pull one through. These teachers, like many before them, would soon obtain a notoriety, to be spread as a warning to future pupils through word of mouth.

Many other new things had come to stay at O.H.S. A bright blue room greeted journalism classes, and took a while to get used to. Within that room, though, new techniques were being tried. There were new books in the library, new school rules, new print shop materials, and even a few new students. The Bulldog varsity cheerleaders now had a mascot, Melody Williams, to help them raise spirits at pep assemblies and football games. The pep assemblies took on a new atmosphere of special excitement as students screamed their enthusiasm at the tops of their voices, throwing toilet paper streamers and tearing spirit signs in their frenzy. The chant "Who dat?" became especially popular with the aid of coach William Walker.

Most of the "same old things" unique to Okmulgee High School were also there. The especially graphic shoe polish on Brock Memorial was soon erased by dutiful custodians. Driving habits were as reckless as ever, Although some drivers were held back by the

sight of policemen keeping watch over the school grounds. Cars still had to squeeze into tight places, too, as a community upheaval prevented bits of school property from becoming parking lots. The Muskogee Roughers were beaten again, making Okmulgee's fourth straight win over the rival team. Many home games were once again preceded by the "decoration" of players' homes, but on Homecoming the decorators seemed to be too tired to think of a late-night raid on anyone. Students began another year of spelling, grammar, literature, history and Mathematics, with a little help from older friends. Another set of class elections took place. Yet in all of these things, there was something new and different. The students present at the end of 1985 would not be the same as those who came to Okmulgee High School on September 4, 1984.

ANDREA KELLEY takes a break in Creative Writing class to get a few ideas developed.

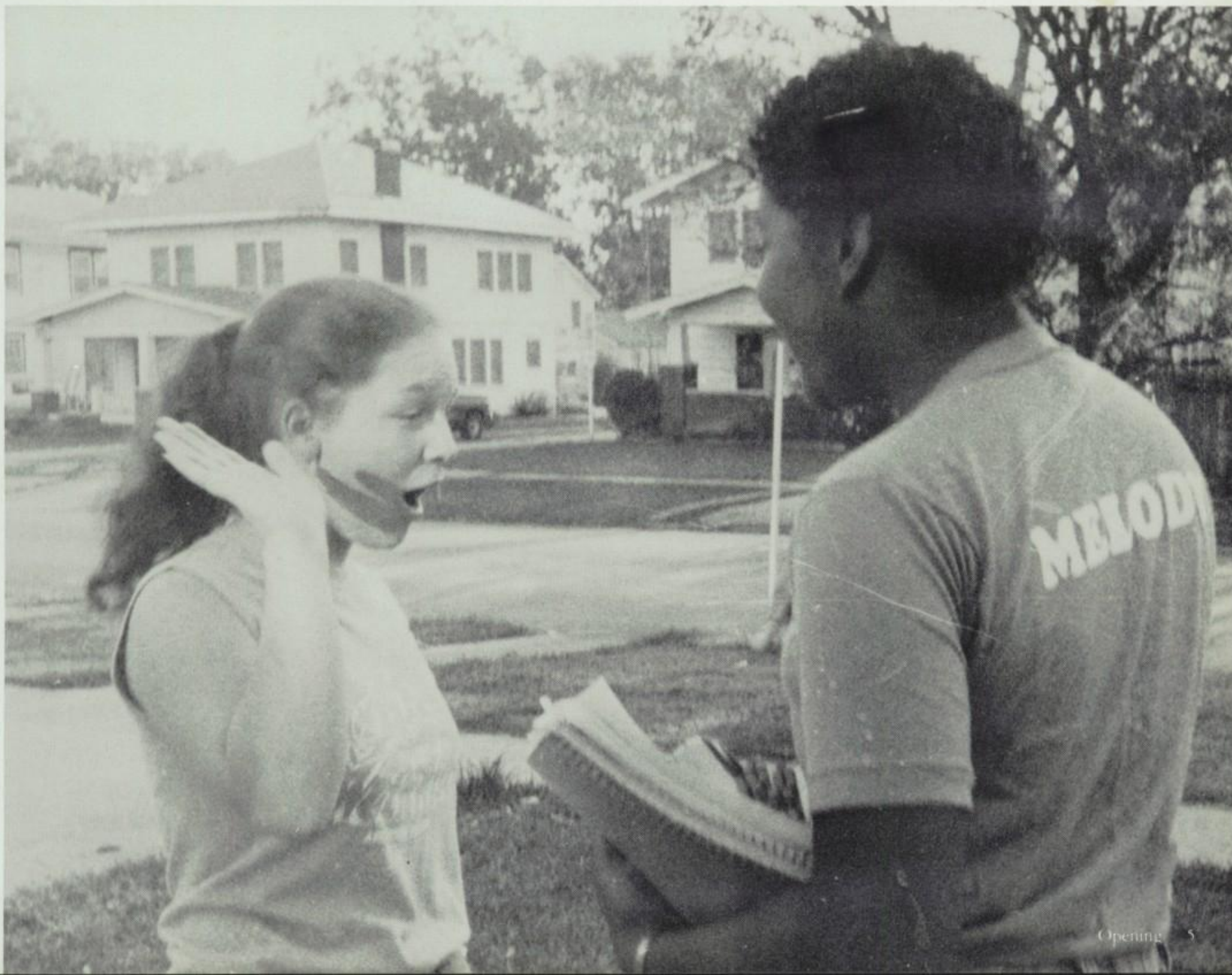


BRUCE MAGLIOCCO protects the keys to his Cutlass from a hopeful Kenny Painter.

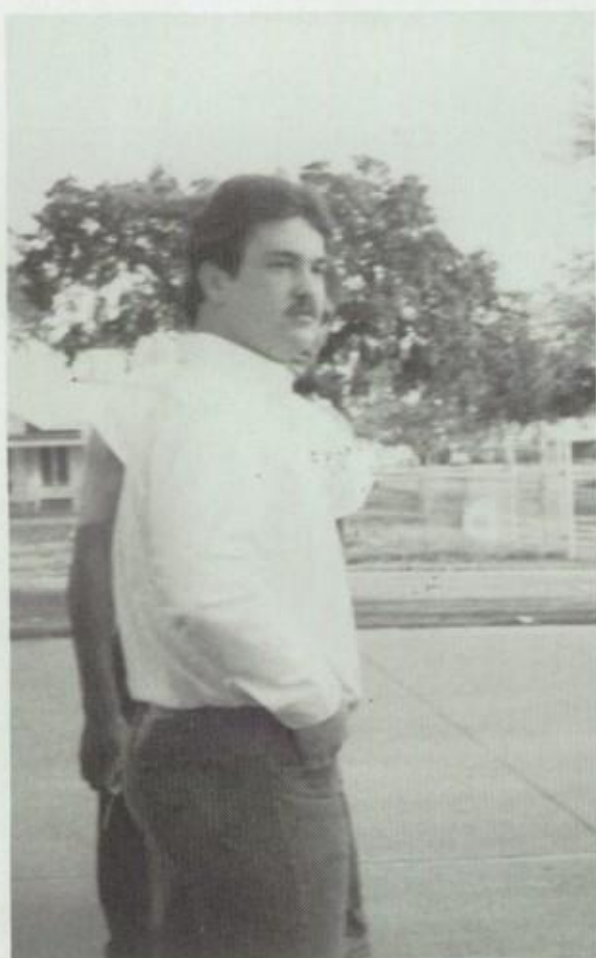


ON THE FIRST day of school, friends Terry Jones, David Merriman, Rick Hess, Jason Cruce, and Bobby Clark mingle with classmates.

FOR RENE WEIBLEY and Melody Williams, a little gossip makes interesting conversation.



TERIA WEAVER, MICHELLE JAMES and two of their friends are well supplied for starting school. They compare their new schedules, hoping that they will have a few classes with each other.



KEVEN PARKER WAITS for the rest of his friends to arrive, as he has gotten to school early. His clothes are classic "preppie", although some students went for a more extravagant look this year.

PREPARING BROCK MEMORIAL for the first day of school often involves a few manipulative moves of outdoor equipment. Suzanne Stone is balanced by Susan Wilcox, Samantha Merriman and Kim Hartman. Cheerleaders were not the only decorators, although they did help out.



The Scene Rolls On

For the 3,880,000 seconds (or 180 school days) of the 1984-85 school year, people lived together in the family known as Okmulgee High School. Administrators, teachers and students each with an individual personality, tried to get along with one another as smoothly as possible, a task which was not always easy. Differences in interests, opinions and groups of friends made life interesting, even if they did cause a few problems once in awhile. Students tended to stand up for their views and speak out opinions, which was an improvement on the past. At the same time, a sense of togetherness and pride seemed to bind the student body together. This togetherness showed in the rising attendance at sports and at the growing number of dances.

Student leadership was important, as always, and Okmulgee High contained its share of leaders. Some excelled in sports, some in student government, some in other areas. Some showed individuality in other ways, like wearing

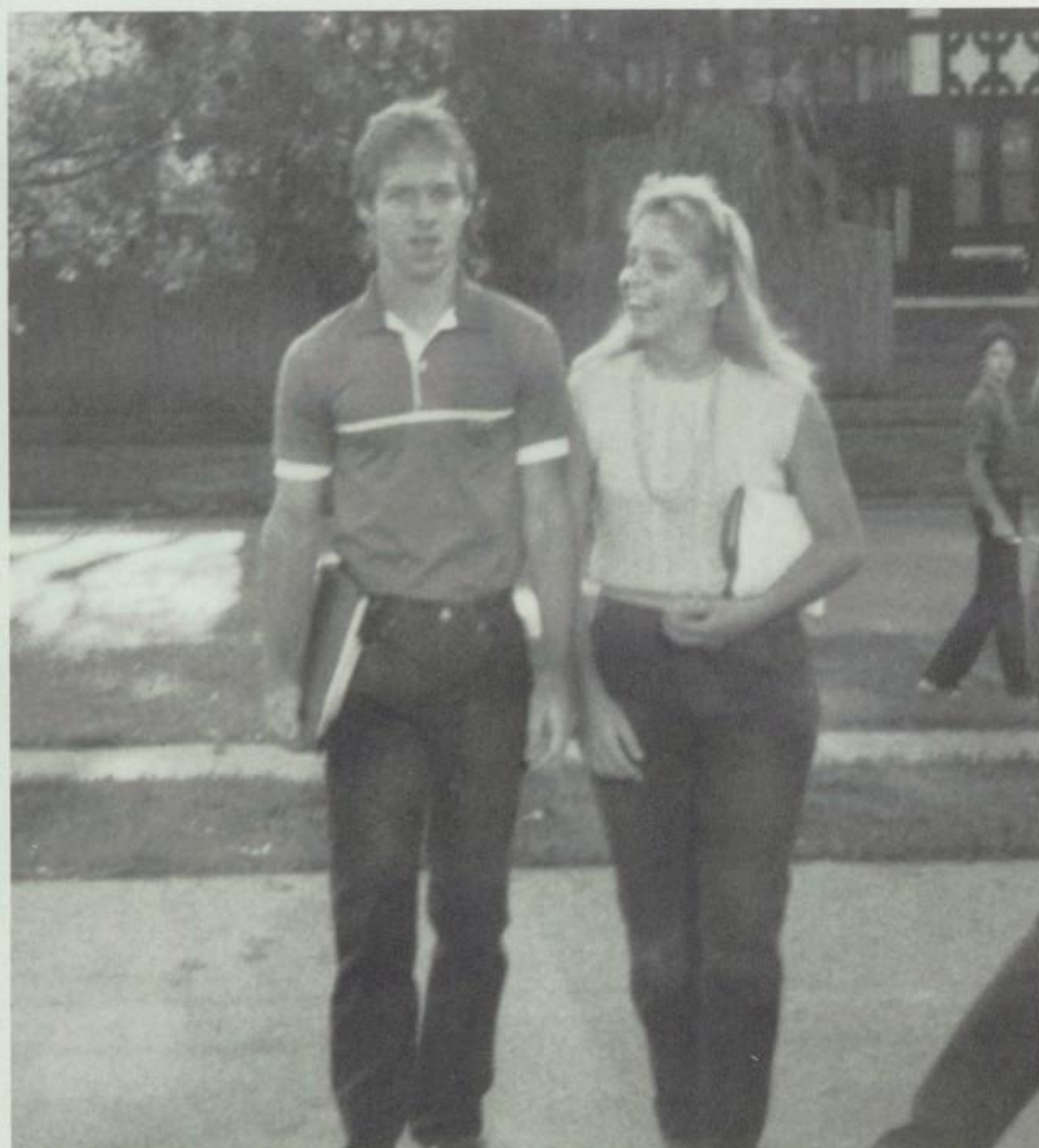
unusual clothing or trying unique hobbies. A few chose to simply to be on their own, but everyone had a special place in student life.

Groups and individuals will work toward many goals in the coming year. The speech team wants more trophies than ever and the play cast hopes to live up to the drama department's growing reputation. Academic competitors in business subjects, math, history and several other specialized areas hope to win a few contests. Vocational agriculture members want blue ribbons and animals and projects, and science students wish for recommendation at the science fair. Some writers and artists entered contests, and hope to get works published in various publications. Coaches and team members plan on winning seasons. OHS-ers want better teams, more spirit, fair school policies, and better publications. School goals made life challenging.

Okmulgee High students had many personal

goals too. Losing or gaining weight, making better grades or learning something new were some of the most popular goals, although there were many others. Some want a car, others a stereo or clothes, others a computer. There were those trying to gain popularity and those who dreamed of finding the perfect girlfriend or boyfriend. A few are trying to break records, a few want to make records. For many, just getting through high school and graduating will be a enough, but doing well enough to go on to college must also be considered. Some of these goals will be attained others won't. Most people wanted this to be the best year it could be, possibly be, possibly the best year ever.

High school years will always be remembered, and the yearbook will help to record those years. No book could possibly cover every aspect of any school, and this, of course includes the **Torchlight** of 1985. The yearbook contains just a small part of the life of everyone. Teens attending Okmulgee's High School are typical, yet they are different from every other group of teens in many ways. In the following, the yearbook staff hopes to have covered at least most of the ways that these people are making the scene.



GETTING TOGETHER IN front of Brock is a tradition for the first day of school, and freshmen have no problem picking up the habit. New clothes and a little gossip provided the spice of life for starting a new year.

CONSTANT COMPANIONS Randy Davenport and Janna Fredrick start the new school year with a morning walk to school. Randy and Janna live only blocks apart, so they are able to see one another as much as they please.

Student Life



CARPOOLING IN ORDER to get to lunch is often necessary. Rick Hess, Clark Giddings and Mike Newport usually catch a ride with Mark Murrell, going to McDonald's or Mazio's.



AFTER LUNCH, MANY students gather outside the new building, waiting for the bell to ring. Brian Rogers usually provides entertainment in his own unique way.



FAD DAY WAS a time when students could express individuality. Here, Andrea Kelly and Shannon Sharp wear chains, and handcuffs. Nancy Perry, Kim Marak, and Heather Nygard inspect the attire.



MICHAEL RATHJEN TAKES time out after completing a drafting project. Mike's droopy eyes are evidence that he has either been "hitting the books" or he has other things to think about.



KELLEY GUILIOLI and Lisa Lucas take a few minutes to be together after a hard day at school. Many couples find it hard to find time for one another in the bustle of activities.



HUEY LEWIS IS A POPULAR singer with many students, and photographer Steve Clark catches him here in one of his famous poses. The concert was held at Tulsa's Mohawk Park during the summer.



A "backstage pass" provides an up-close look at the students of Okmulgee High School during the year. Student life was filled with activities, but many were bored, which is also a part of life in a smaller town. How did people fill their spare time? No one knows for sure, but the following covers some of the ways that boredom was chased away.

The end of the school year was filled with excitement: a rainbow colored Junior-Senior Prom and a 1984 Graduation Ceremony with a speaker no less than the honorable Governor of Oklahoma, George Nigh. A summer of fun followed, with plenty of spare time for watching soap operas or "catching a few rays" at the lake. New friends were made at church camps, sports camps, activities camps, Girl's State and Boy's State. Waterskiing, picnics, and more than a few games of neighborhood basketball passed much too quickly, and soon it was almost time to go back to school.

Practice makes perfect, and many OHS students were shooting for perfection. Early morning practices for band and late night practices for the cheerleaders showed when it came time to perform. Play practices were held every night, a jumble of costumes, scripts, hoarse voices, lights and lemon juice. Those enrolled in classes requiring accuracy and skill practiced endlessly on typing, shorthand, dramatic readings and driving. Foreign languages, too, required a great deal of practice. There was also much practice at those little necessities of life: the latest dance, new make-up, walking in high heels, how to turn on or tell off that certain girl or guy.

There were many pressures in a typical school day. Just getting there sometimes was a problem, and getting there in just the right outfit was often a major accomplishment. Another necessity was keeping one's mind on school work and getting home work done during the bustle of activities. Besides "practicing", some students went to work, which took up a major part of the day. Spirit activities were another way of passing time, whether "decorating" houses or working on the all important homecoming float. Book reports, tests, math prob-

lems and science projects were thrown aside for more appealing social events.

Friday and Saturday nights, while they may have been work nights, were more often filled with other pastimes. Sports events were always popular, and of course a "must" for the athletes. Dances were sponsored by many different school organizations, and there was always a dance at "the Hut" or one of the churches. "Partying" was a popular activity, and was usually defined as "just out having a good time" - however that may be interpreted. Driving around "the drag" was another way of consuming time, and there was always a place to pull over and talk. Braum's, "the Square", and the tire store were the most popular places, but a quick bite to eat at McDonald's or Sonic was always welcome.

Driving to other towns, for whatever reason, was a way to get away from the ordinary weekend in Okmulgee. There were friends in college to visit, and this year there seemed to be a greater attachment to those friends. Friends in other high schools were also visited, whether they were as close as the seven mile drive to Morris or further away, even in another state. Tulsa was a place where there were many activities to be found, and the 40 miles didn't take long to cross. Shopping, going to movies and eating were the typical pastimes, but more important events were also attended. The Tulsa State Fair always admits hundreds of Okmulgeans eager for food, rides, and games, and they are never disappointed. Concerts by musicians like Rick Springfield and Billy Squier are very popular. "The Caravan" is another teen spot on Friday and Saturday nights, although not as many were regulars there as in past years.

Of course there were always those who had some important homework to do and had to stay home. Some never went out at all, but used free time to catch up on the all-important sleep. A few had to work on weekends, but there were always visitors at work to help pass the time.

Whoever they were, whatever the age, Okmulgee High School students were . . .

Making The Scene

HEATHER NYGARD AND Robert Magnason wait for the seniors to file into their seats before Baccalaureate services begin. A lot of anticipation was in the air for this group of seniors.



Last Step For Seniors

Graduation Into Realization Of Life

Four years ago 186 graduates of the 1984 class started at Okmulgee High School as freshmen. Each year a renovation of classes was made. As the years progressed fresh faces appeared and familiar faces left. Soon there would be something of novelty awaiting them . . . GRADUATION into the real world. The goal of graduating from high school was set in the minds of all.

Most would depart from family and friends either to go to work, enter military services or go on to college. Over \$60,000 worth of scholarships were awarded to seniors. The Virginia Thompson English Scholarship, sponsored by Exxon, of \$2,000, was awarded to Virginia Pitts. Other scholarships were awarded to:

Mary Lou Finley Scholarship:
Virginia Pitts, Carmen Danielson
Oklahoma State University: Rob-

bie Stone, Lisa Ziegler, University of Oklahoma. Laura Fuller, Virginia Pitts, Lisa House, Shanna Joliff, Eastern State College:
Donald Ray James, Virginia Pitts,
East Central State University: Kim Creason,
Tulsa University: Nancy Nichols, Oklahoma State Tech: Dollene Stange, Mike Little, Karen Pewo, LaPetra Smith, Candy Carter, Niki Frits, Anthony Vick, Tammy Riggins, Stacy Blevins, Jo Ellen Bacon, Kim Porter and
Tulsa Junior College: Laurie Gilder.

Finally, on May 20th, Baccalaureate came around. It is traditionally held in Brock Memorial Gym-

nasium. The band played "Thou Prince of Life O Christ Our Lord" as the seniors marched onto the gym floor to be seated. Reverend Oscar G. Higgs, pastor of the Church of the Living God, preached the sermon.

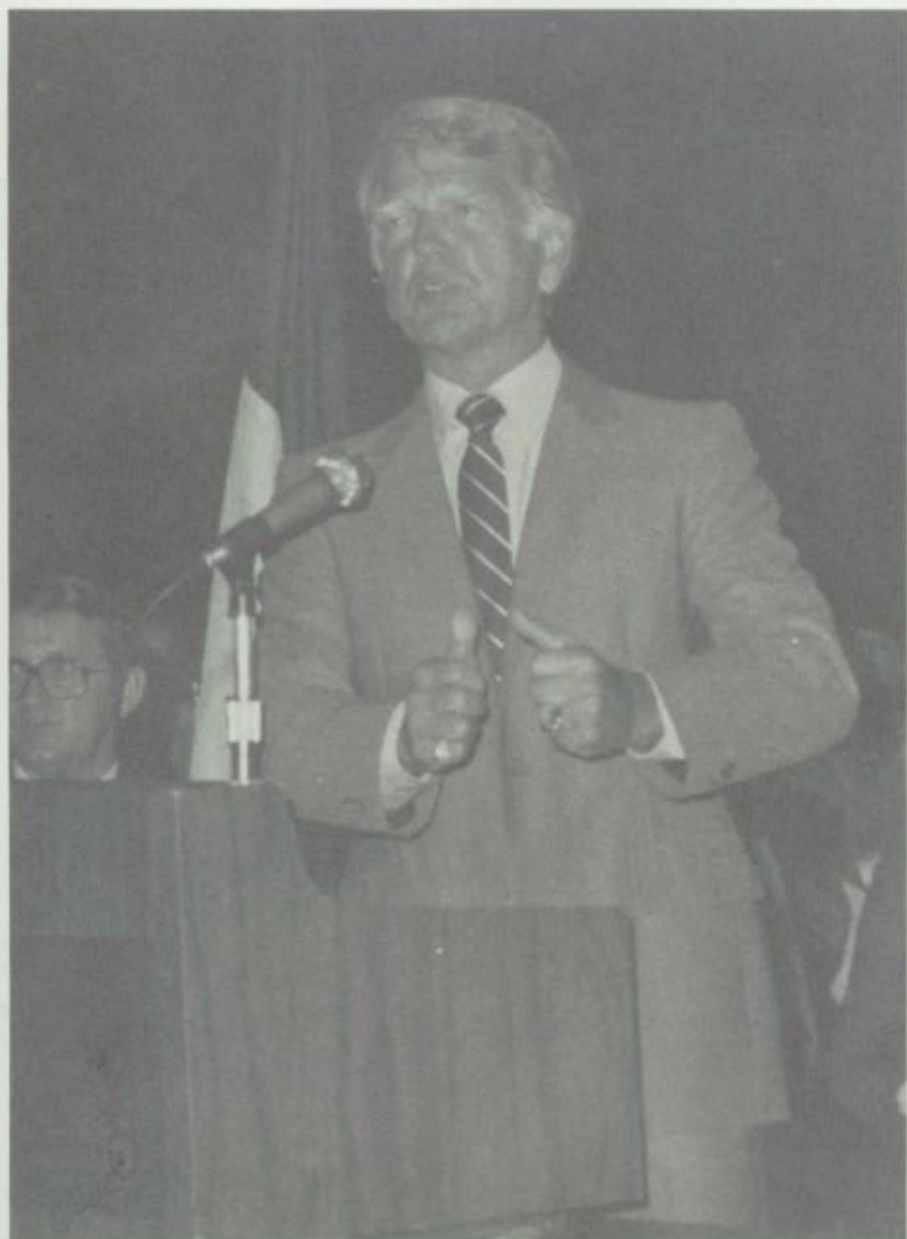
Two days later, May 22nd, the seniors were at Harmon Stadium for the commencement. This graduating class, like many before them, was sure to prove that they were different from all the rest. The speaker of the hour was the honorable Governor George Nigh.

Soon the stadium lights were turned off and the crowd was silent. Out of the darkness came a moving light following the path of the track . . . it was the torch bearer, Tony Bird. The silence was now broken by the yells of the crowd.

As the passing of the torch was completed, the senior class president, Laurie Gilder quoted to the junior class president, Heather Nygard, "Keep the torch held high and keep the light forever burning."

After the acceptance of the torch, Heather led the seniors to make the traditional "O". Toby McKay and Leroy VanAntwerp played "Taps" as this class of seniors broke tradition by having a fireworks display that stated "SENIOR CLASS OF '84". Finally, the last cry for joy was over, for the class of '84 had reached . . . GRADUATION into the real world.

THE SENIORS BROKE tradition by having a fireworks display. Everyone knew that this was the "SENIOR CLASS OF '84" as stated by the display.



THE SPEAKER for last year's graduation was the honorable Governor George Nigh. Everyone seemed to enjoy his speech. He held everyone's constant attention with the jokes in his speech.

HEATHER NYGARD and Lisa Fairchild talk to Mary Davis, an AFS student from New Zealand, before Baccalaureate services started.



THE LAST AFS students to attend Okmulgee High were Mary Davis from New Zealand, and Xavier Noiroit from France.

LORETTA BULLET and Jill Barnett enjoy the conversation they are having with Dr. John Shinpoch and Mrs. Adeline Shroyer.





MR. TOM SLAMANS introduces Mia Harris and her escort Steve Mangum as they enter the Middle School cafeteria to attend the banquet ceremonies.

LISA FAIRCHILD, HEATHER NYGARD, and Nancy Perry are hard at work cutting out cardboard stars that hung from the ceiling at the prom.



DAWN HOWELL, Vic Mariano and others find that slow dancing is quite enjoyable.

WHILE EVERYONE WAS IN THE CIRCLE, Tony Bird and Sonya Rountree demonstrate the proper way to remove the garter.



Rainbows And Stars

The evening started with a banquet. On the menu was salad, roast beef, corn, baked potatoes, sour cream, hot rolls, butter, iced tea or coffee. The couples and singles were introduced as they entered the Middle School cafeteria by Mr. Tom Slamans.

"I liked the way the students were introduced and the spotlight was shone on them as they entered. I think it made them feel special and it went off real well", said Mrs. Doris Lowery.

During the banquet James Alexander and Scott Wilson read the "Wills and Prophecies." These are left to a lower classmate by a senior.

Some examples included Tony Thomas leaving Kim Hartman all

Although those who went were worried about Morris, a night of glitter and glamour ended all too soon.

his hugs and kisses. Mark Woolsey willed that Kary Neil would become a monk and last but not least Vic Mariano, Lee Wilson, and Tony Thomas left Joe Wares a shoulder to cry on when Coach Morgan yells at him during baseball season.

Following the laughter and tears from the reading of the wills and prophecies, everyone prepared to have their pictures taken.

Magic was in the air that night for Kym Lackey and Johnny Aguirre as they were crowned prom King and Queen. The King and Queen were chosen by popular vote. Everyone attending the prom was urged to vote upon their arrival.

The traditional removal of the garter ceremony where the guys and girls made a large circle took place. The banana eating contest, a new one this year, was won by Kendall Pollard. Many stood by and watched as Tara McAllister

and Scotty Wooten won the famous dance contest.

The Juniors and classmates stayed up late many nights to make sure this prom was a success.

"A lot of hard work went into the decorations," commented Nancy Perry. The music was provided by KOFM 104 a radio station from Oklahoma City.

In spite of sleepy eyes and sorrowful hearts the Junior-Senior Prom of 1984 had "Magic in the Air".

A tornado which brought destruction to the nearby town of Morris kept many students awake and active on the night of April 26, but on the 27th, they gathered in the Okmulgee Middle School Cafetorium for another night they would always remember.

The lights went off, the decorations came down, and everyone went off to their private parties. Another prom passed.

SHAWN SMITH AND TAMMY DOWNING are enjoying themselves thoroughly at the '84 prom. Dancing was a big deal at this prom, because everyone wanted to make the scene.

SCOTTY WOOTEN AND TARA MCALLISTER, the winners of the dance contest, dance to the music selected by the radio station KOFM 104.



OKMULGEE WAS ONE OF the few places with a purple and white elephant. When it was broken students found four and a half pounds of candy inside.

SCOTT FETGATTER AND TAMMIE Hollier were just two of the many people who enjoyed lunchtime at the Cinco de Mayo festival.



CHEERLEADERS VALERIE Burke, Tele Hamon, Kim Rogers, and Tammra Dunham really show their spirit as they get pied in the face at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

MANY PEOPLE TOOK the opportunity to have their pictures taken in Mexican attire. Pete Blanchard seems to be getting into the feeling.





Cinco De Mayo

A Fantastic Festival Of Food, Fun And Fantasy

Cinco de Mayo means the fifth of May in Spanish. In Mexico, it is the celebration of independence from Spain.

Gail Patton, Spanish teacher, reported, "Cinco de Mayo is an opportunity to share with the rest of the school the special cultural activities that we learn as we study the Spanish language."

Because the fifth fell on a weekend, the second annual Cinco de Mayo was held on the third of May.

"There was a large turnout, due to the support and enthusiasm shown by the students," according to Miss Patton.

"It was fun helping make the decorations!" said Michele Miller.

Students manned booths, selling Spanish cookies, tacos, nachos, and virgin Piña Colodas. The Sophomore class also had a bake sale.

The faculty visiting from other schools got a chance to admire eye-catching displays. The Spanish students had worked long hours on crafts. Some made "Ojos de Dios" (God's Eyes) while others wrote poems and stories in Spanish. Twelve people produced a play called "Los Cambios de Pedro" (Peter's Exchanges).

Still others painted backgrounds so visitors could have their picture taken in front of a Mexican backdrop. Some cheerleaders joined in and allowed themselves to be pied

in the face.

The highlight, however, was the breaking of the pinata. A pinata is a hollow paper-mache figure filled with candy. Ours was a purple and white elephant, five foot tall with four and a half pounds of candy inside. Excitement accelerated as the pinata burst and showered candy over the astonished onlookers.

Pat Ford commented, "Cinco de Mayo was really exciting!"

And Paul Hudson summed up his feelings, saying, "It was just like a small fiesta!"

"NOW, ROBIN! No one will want to buy that cake after you've taken a fingerfull of icing from it!" Marquitta Morris, Susan Wilcox and Margaret Harlan don't seem to mind as Robin Schrantz licks her finger.



SENIOR TOM JONES discusses another problem with Ms. Shari Sheppard, drama instructor.

NEW YORK CITY as seen by Elizabeth Dietert. "I wouldn't trade that experience for anything."



Students Study Abroad

From New York To Ada, Students Learn At Boys/Girls State And OSAI.

On May 26, 416 girls from all over Oklahoma met at East Central University at Ada for the 1984 Girl's State. The American Legion Auxiliary chose Shell Montgomery, Heather Nygard, and Nancy Perry to represent Okmulgee.

Shell said, "It was a great experience. I learned more in my week at Girl's State than I could in a whole semester of Civics."

If someone attending Girl's State wanted to get college credit for her stay at Ada, she could by taking a test over Oklahoma government at the end of the week.

After the week full of activities was over, Heather summed it all up by saying, "We had things to do all

the time, they kept us really busy the whole week."

While those three ladies were at Ada, six Okmulgee young men were at Boy's State at Edmond. The six were: James Alexander, Tony Bird, Pete Blanchard, Ray Crook, Gary LeBlanc, and Robert Magnuson.

Robert said, "Before I went, I hardly knew anything about state government. But after attending the course, I felt I learned more that week than I could have in several years. It was fun!"

Gary also thought he had learned much about our state's government that he hadn't already known. He commented, "It was

very interesting."

"Boy's State was great-I really made a lot of friendships that will last. I learned so much about state government-it's unbelievable. I loved it," said Pete.

During the first two weeks of June, Tom Jones attended the Oklahoma Summer Art Institute (OSAI) in the Quartz Mountains, in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma. He sent in a portfolio and was chosen to fill one of the thirteen spots in the writing department. Professional writers served as his instructors, and Tom received college credit for his time at OSAI.

"It was the best two weeks of my life, but I'm only seventeen,"

said Tom.

October 10-21, Elizabeth Dietert and Heather Nygard visited New York City and Washington D.C. with a group of 33 other Oklahoma youth and six adults. They were on a study tour, studying the problems of Central America, and US involvement there.

While they were in NYC, they toured the United Nations Building and walked throughout the city.

Elizabeth said, "The UN/DC trip was the highlight of my year. I wouldn't trade those two weeks for anything."



THIS YEAR'S BOY staters were: (back row) Pete Blanchard, Gary LeBlanc, Robert Magnuson, (front row) Tony Bird, James Alexander, and Ray Crook.



THIS YEAR'S GIRL staters were: Shell Montgomery, Heather Nygard, and not pictured, Nancy Perry.

School Is Out!

Students scurry to vacations, area lakes, water parks, or cool places to beat the summer heat. Students wait a full 188 days to break to summer fun, and for others it was work.

When Okmulgee High School students look back on the summer of 1984, they will probably recall the opening of both a smash and a splash. The splash, "Big Splash" water park in Tulsa and the smash, the Jackson Victory tour.

Big Splash received a great deal of publicity and became an exciting entertainment park. It has a seven story water slide and a wave pool, creating three to four foot waves through the use of large fans. Although it was fairly popular to those who went the \$9.50 admission price was a little steep to go very much. When one did get to go, however it was fully enjoyed.

The Jackson Victory tour was one of the most widely publicized and anticipated concert tours in history, but it also was a troubled one. Disagreements between the Jacksons and promoters over money and ticket sales marred the opening in Kansas City and unfortunately made the concert close to impossible for many of the Jackson fans to see.

The summer of '84 also saw many high school students going to work in a wide variety of places, ranging from working in hay fields to working in restaurants.

The opening of Wendy's and Western Sizzler helped out those who were looking for indoor jobs and a variety of hours. If there was one reason for the amount of students working, it would have to be money, which always seemed in short supply!

For those who wanted to spend the warm summer nights with a date, it was an easy way to view some of the hit movies, such as "Ghostbusters" and "Gremlins".

Those who wanted to spend their days in the sun had plenty of chances with the Okmulgee Lake being a favorite spot for those who love to sunbathe, waterski, campout or just relax all summer long.

For the people who enjoy the indoor life during the summer, one could always catch a few of the all-time favorite soaps, such as "All My Children," "One Life to Live" and "General Hospital."

But those who really didn't get into the soaps, there were always the favorite sports to watch, such as baseball, football and most of all the 1984 Summer Olympics, which was definitely enjoyed by those who watched.

Another big event in the summer was the Okmulgee Round-Up Club rodeo, usually held the second weekend in August. It started off with a parade at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Many people rushed to the rodeo grounds to attend the largest black rodeo in the United States.

Following the big rodeo was the first Okmulgee Jam Festival, which was a big success. There were artists such as O Bryan, Joslyn Brown, Newcleus, Bloodstone and a group from Tulsa called Satellite.

Overall, the summer was like many others for most students-but it also had its share of surprises and a lot of fun-filled days.

WHILE ENJOYING a fun day in the sun, Mr. Taylor and Okmulgee High School students play an exciting game of tennis.

ALTHOUGH EXPENSIVE, the high price of \$9.50 made a good way to beat the heat in the summer time, by the new water-slide at Big Splash in Tulsa.



A BIG ATTRACTION in Okmulgee is the little fair, held every summer in the parking lot of Warehouse Market. The little fair last summer was held on April 28 and was enjoyed by the many people who attended.



SUSAN WILCOX, Samantha Merriman, Dawn Howell, Jennifer Smith, Kim Hartman and Suzanne Stone practice each morning during the summer in front of Brock Gymnasium.



THE CITIZENS of Okmulgee both young and old, focus their attention on the brake dancers just one of the many activities that took place at the Pecan Festival.

MARGARET HARLAN and Genie Baxter enjoy a lazy, warm summer day while playing on the tire swings at Okmulgee Lake.



MATT HOLCOMB, KRISTEN Shamas, David Crowley, Brigitte Swallow, Keven Parker, Valerie Campbell, Tim Ahlstrom, Tara Kennedy, George Jacobs, Monique Pinneo, Donnie Miner, Jenny Alexander and James Alexander.

Wild Guys, Beautiful Girls

Some Wild Pontipee Courting Shakes Up All Unattached Hearts In The Vicinity . . .

The fourth annual all-school musical, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," was held on November 16, 17 and 18, and was directed by Miss Shari Sheppard.

This was the fourth year that there has been a musical in the fall. The three previous productions included, "The Boyfriend," "Pirates of Penzance," and "Camelot." The differences in this play compared to the three previous plays was that the musical scores were not as difficult, but on the other hand the sets and dancing were much harder.

Several different students were responsible for the sets and backstage work. This year the backdrop was repainted by Mr. Wayne Ramer's art classes.

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" was adapted for the stage from the 1954 screen play of the same name. The idea for the movie was derived from the poem "The Sobin Women" written by Steven Vincent Beret. The following is a brief description of the plot.

When Adam, the eldest brother, marries the spunky orphan Milly, the Pontipees are shaken out of their lotish backwoods life with a vengeance. Determined to marry off her brothers-in-law to insure the success of her own marriage, Milly single handedly civilized them, and introduces the neighboring town to some wild Pontipee courting, which shakes up all unattached hearts in the vicinity.

When the brothers enthusiasm

carries them away into a massive abduction of the townfolks' daughters, Milly chaperones a bawdy of beautiful girls throughout the long Oregon winters until the girls' fathers turn up in the spring for a mass shotgun wedding of the twelve lovers.

Auditions for the play were held on September 20 and 21. The cast began practice Monday, September 24 and as usual the first practices were chaos. The practices lasted about two months. It took many long nights and lots of hard work to get it together.

"I was so excited, I started to cry," said Margaret Harlan.

"There was alot of dancing and I liked that," stated Miss Shari Sheppard.

Mrs. Debbie Hess helped to choreograph the dance scenes. Mrs. Doris Lowery made the costumes and did a wonderful job on them. Mrs. Lowery spent over one hundred hours of work both day and night working on the tremendous costumes she made.

This year was the first year to ever have a student pianist for the play. Sophomore Angela Janzen took on the task of coming to practices every night and working with the cast and pit band on the music scores. This worked out great and hopefully it will start a tradition at Okmulgee High as most high schools already use student pianists.



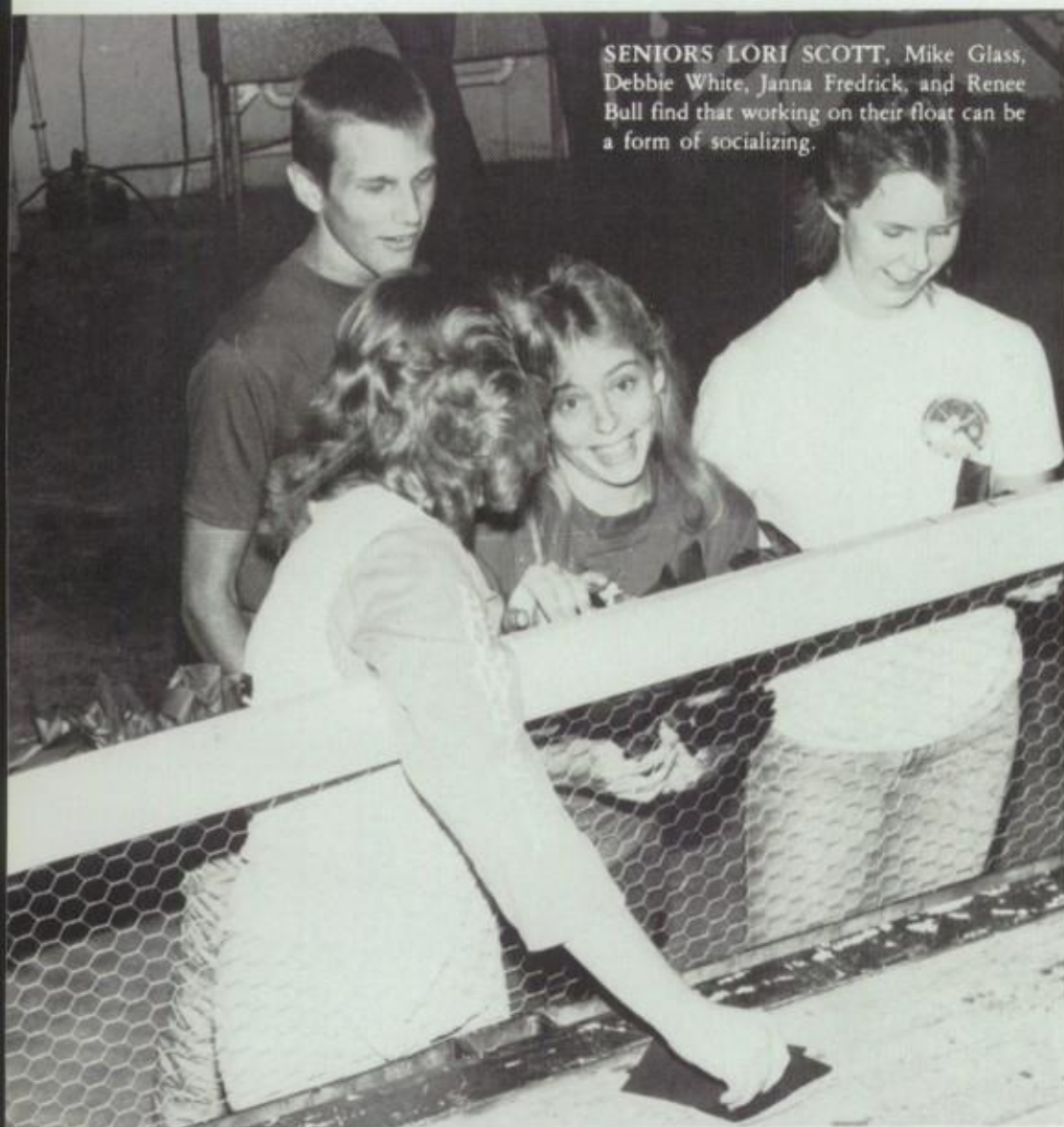
Adam	David Scott	Carl	Pete Blanchard
Milly	Margaret Harlan	Luke	George Jacobs Jr.
Benjamin	Eddie McElhannon	Matt	David Crowley
Caleb	James Alexander	Joel	Tim Ahlstrom
Daniel	Johnny Reed	Zeke	Keven Parker
Ephraim	Jack Dove	Granny Bess	Reyna Estep
Frank	Stephen Burton	Mrs. Perkins	Bridget Jackson
Gideon	David Jennings	Preacher	Bo Morgan
Alice	Jennifer Alexander	Mrs. Bixby	Debbie Gee
Ruth	Monique Pinneo	Old Lady Thomas	Leslie Mitchell
Liza	Brigitte Swallow		
Sarah	Valerie Campbell		
Dorcas	Kristen Shamas	Other members include	Genie Baxter,
Martha	Tara Kennedy		Sheanean Sharp, Becky Pitts,
Jeb	Donnie Miner		Stacy Williams, Brandy Bryant, Katie Bryant and Jennifer Williams.



REPAINTING THE PROPS for the All School Musical is George Jacobs.

EATING BREAKFAST IN a scene in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" are David Jennings, James Alexander, Johnny Reed, Margaret Harlan and Stephen Burton.





SENIORS LORI SCOTT, Mike Glass, Debbie White, Janna Fredrick, and Renee Bull find that working on their float can be a form of socializing.



DISPLAYING HER FAD day wear is Senior Christi Rogers. Black leather was just one of the styles worn.



MS. GAIL PATTON wears her sombrero to show that she has school spirit. She was one of many teachers who participated in that day.



SHEILA MANGUM DEMONSTRATES her form of dress down day as she performs her duties as an office aid.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS PROVE that sometimes showing your spirit can result in a very messy ending.



Hard Week Of Fun And Spirit

Homecoming 1985 Takes Its Place In History

Once a year something special occurs at Okmulgee High School — Homecoming. Of course the main event is the game, but the week-long activities beforehand are something worth remembering.

Monday the second day of October, started the week off with "dress-down" day. Anything from t-shirts and old jeans to bath robes and hair rollers could be spotted around campus.

Although quite similar, the attire for working on the float was more practical. T-shirts, sweats, and old tennis shoes were the ultimate in float-building apparel.

Tuesday was truly a "once in a lifetime" experience for many people. Seeing friends dressed up was nothing out of the ordinary. The level of participation in "dress-up" day was very high this year because it was also picture day.

The ever popular hat day took place on Wednesday. This was a help to girls who stayed out late

the night before working on the float. Because they didn't have to worry about fixing their hair, they could sleep a little while longer.

Thursday brought the newly developed "fad" day. Black leather, studs, chains, and new wave hair styles were just a few of the "fad-dish" items around school. That night shortly before dark, crowds began to gather behind Municipal pool for a bonfire. The roaring flames made temperatures rise along with rising spirits. Following the bon fire, students rushed back to their buildings sites to do more work on their floats.

Friday — the day that everyone had been waiting for had finally arrived. This was Bulldog spirit day. Black and red were highly visible amidst the crowd. Excitement filled the air. The pep assembly was one loaded with high spirits.

During the afternoon, hours were spent decorating cars and

patching up the floats that had been injured in the line-up for the parade. The parade this year was a great success. The usual Homecoming rainfall was missed this year.

Homecoming was very successful even though the El Reno Indians won the game 13-7. It was a very exciting game and the Indians had to work very hard to beat the Bulldogs.

Although football was the reason most people went to the game, others went just to watch the Homecoming ceremonies. The band did a nice job on the half-time show. The crowning of the All-Sports Queen also drew a large crowd.

Following the game, a dance was held at Okmulgee Middle School. This gave football players, cheerleaders, and everyone else a chance to unwind from the long week of fun and stress.



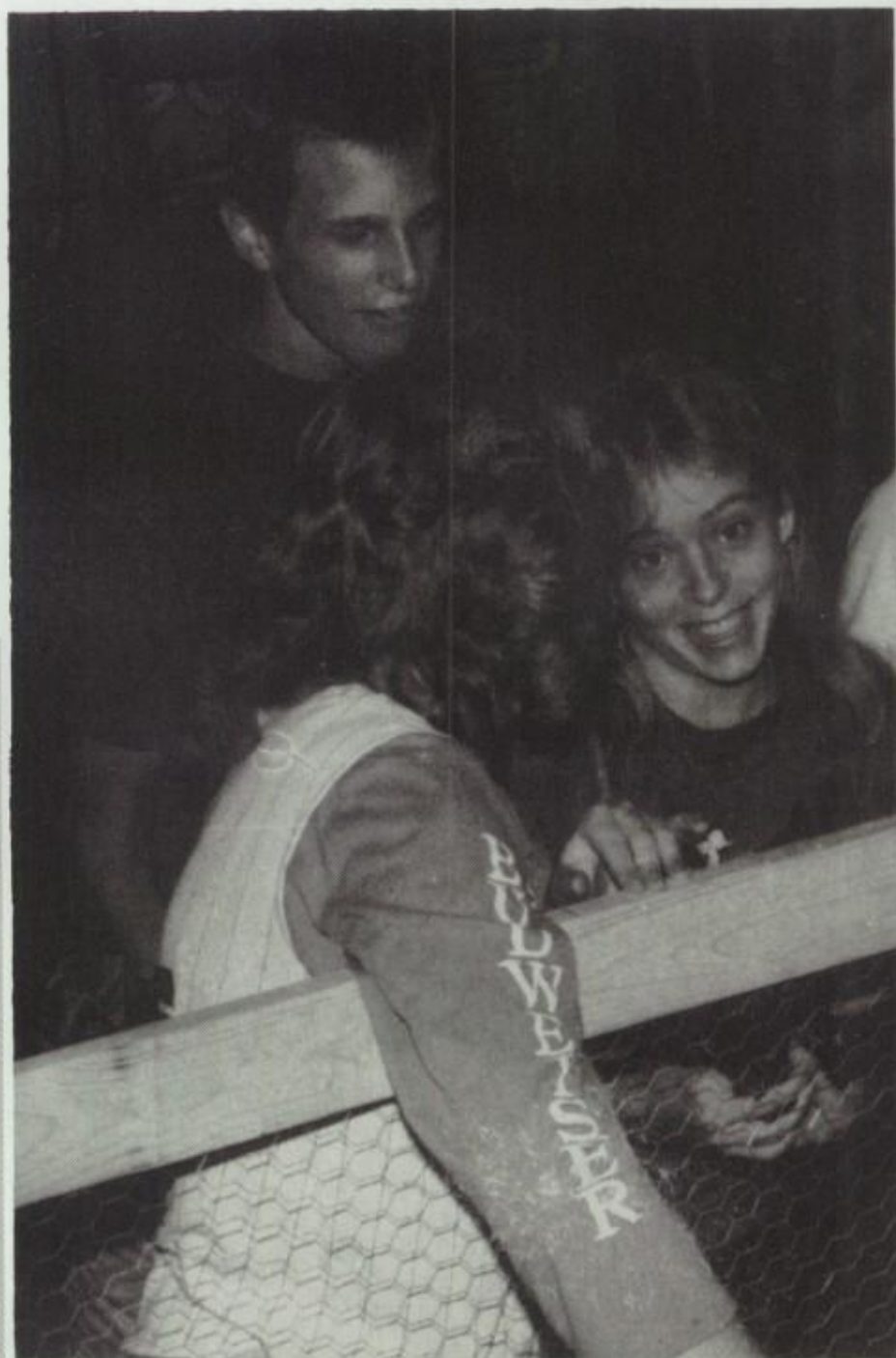
VARSITY CHEERLEADERS KIM Hartman and Jennifer Smith decorate the halls of Okmulgee High for the big game.

IN HER DRESS down attire, Quanton McFalls takes a break from her usual work to have some fun.



POMPING THE FLOAT takes the longest time to make the float. Seniors Rochelle Mabery, Mike Jones, Detra Hammon, and Quanton McFalls work hard, trying to complete this major task.

THE WEEK ISN'T all work for it has its play time. Mike Glass, Debbie White, and Janna Frederick take time to flash a smile.



PLACING FIRST in the Homecoming parade was the Sophomores with their outstanding float.

THE DOGS WILL succeed say the Freshmen with their float which placed fourth in the parade.

SENIORS OF 1985 top success with this float which placed third in the parade.



Class Floats Show Talent

Long Hard Hours Of Float Building Pays Off For Some Dedicated Workers.

Finally, the big day! After all the activities during the week with the nominating of the queen candidates and the endless hours of working on the float, it's here! The big parade.

Every class was represented by their own class float. This year the sophomores placed first with an outstanding float, then came the juniors with their burnt El Reno school building. Third place went to the seniors wanting to top success, and last but not least came the freshmen placing fourth. Not only were the different classes represented but several organizations as well. For example, the VICA

club placed first with the best decorated car.

Long hard hours went into decorating each float and each class was disappointed for the fun to come to an end. The seniors felt even worse, along with other organizations, the parade was a huge success. The seniors knew it it would be their last float in high school, and it would also be their last Homecoming.

It seems odd that all the tedious hours of hammering, painting and planning comes to an end on Homecoming night. Nevertheless, that is part of making the scene at OHS and in the years to come the

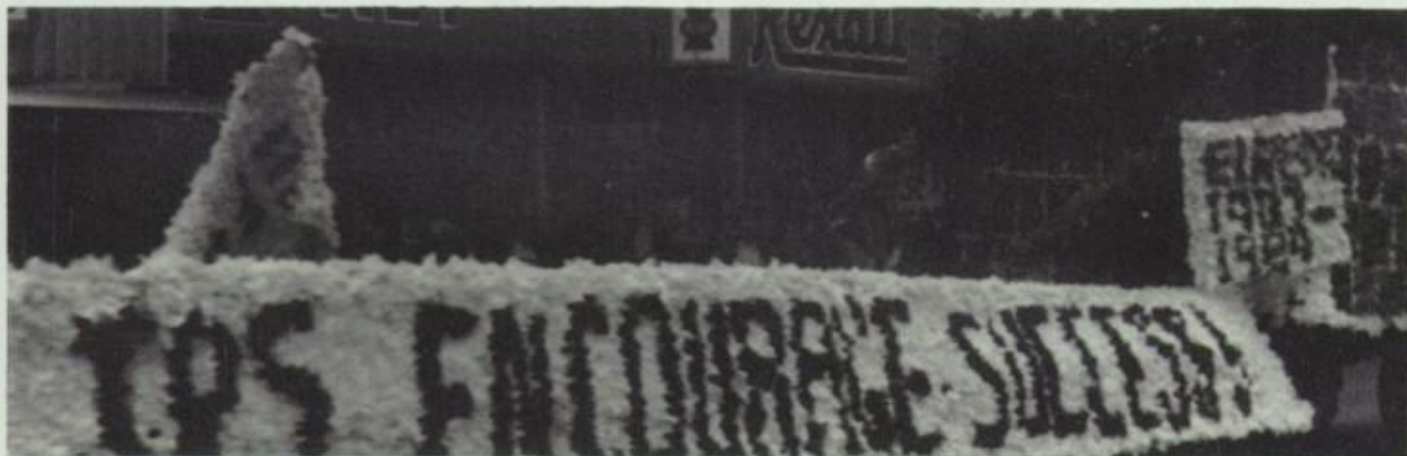
tradition will remain.

Following the parade the week of fun and activities ended with the annual football game. This year our football game was against the El Reno Indians and the score was an upsetting 13-7, but the Bulldog pride never withered. The Bulldogs played a tough game and played to the best of their ability.

Alot of the spirit is shown during this fun filled fabulous week with all the activities Monday through Friday. True Bulldog Pride was shown with the Bonfire on Thursday night and the students supporting their team, the pep assembly, the parade, and last

but not least the annual football game.

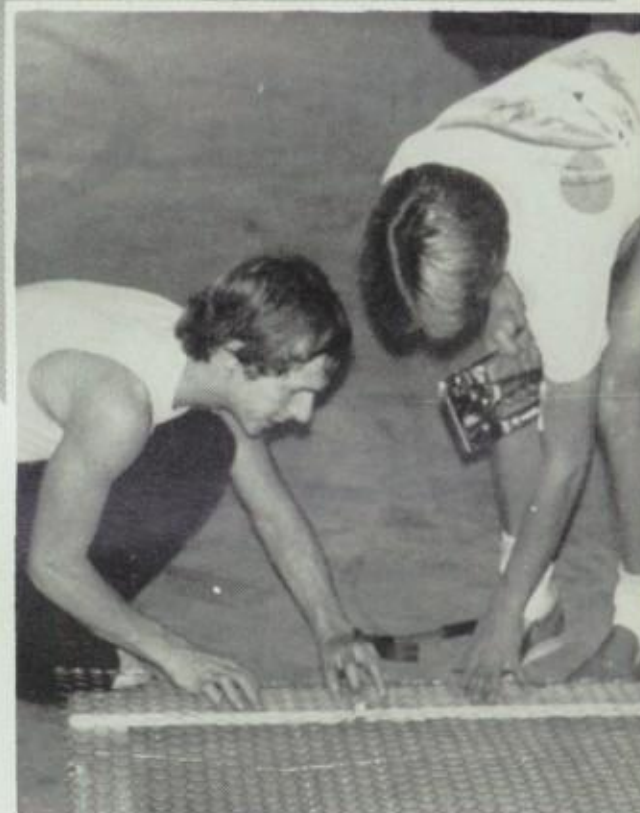
Homecoming will continue to be the biggest event of the year for years to come. It has been a tradition of Okmulgee High School every year to have a Homecoming Bonfire, pep assembly, parade, activities during the week, and to end the week is the annual football game. The spirit of the school grows stronger and stronger as the years go by, homecoming week boosts everyone into getting out and supporting the team and their school.



JUNIORS ENCOURAGE SUCCESS with their burning down of an El Reno school building placing second in the parade.

THE FRESHMEN LEARN that it takes alot of hard work to build a float.

RANDY DAVENPORT AND Scott Allen work hard to make the Junior float look its best.



HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATES POSE for a picture. The girls include Dawn Howell, Samantha Merriman, Heather Nygard, Kim Marak, Rochelle Wilson, Tammie Downing and Lisa Taylor.

BASKETBALL CANDIDATE HEATHER Nygard and her escort Joe Wares ride in the Homecoming parade.



An Unforgettable Royal Evening

A Busy Week Is Topped Off With Honors For Seven Girls, This Will Be The Week And The Moment They'll Always Remember.

What do dress up day, dress down day, red and black day, hat day and fad day all have in common? They are all a part of Homecoming week at Okmulgee High School. As usual they were all big successes with most of the student body participating, but the crowning of the All Sports Queen highlighted the week.

For the seven girls chosen as candidates for queen it was an exciting and busy week. It all began with the news that they had been selected to represent one of the seven sports. Next, the seven young ladies went to Tulsa to select material and a pattern for their dresses. This was not the easiest part of the week. But after several hours of looking and several changed minds Mrs. Marilyn (Young) Scott finally reached an agreement.

The next step for the girls was to choose an escort. They could choose from any of the senior boys. The girls also had to find someone to sew their dress in time for the Homecoming game on Friday night.

Along with their other duties, the candidates had to participate in the usual Homecoming activities. The candidates had to locate a car and a driver for the annual Homecoming parade.

At the Homecoming pep assembly on Friday morning, each of the seven candidates were introduced along with the sport they represented. The spirit of the crowd aroused the excitement of the girls. The anticipation of the big night to come caused much nervousness. Football players, cheerleaders, coaches, teachers and the whole student body were anx-

iously awaiting the outcome of the big night.

The afternoon hours were spent putting the finishing touches on their cars for the parade. Each girl rode in a separate car with her escort. The parade was beautiful and succeeded in raising spirits for the game later that night.

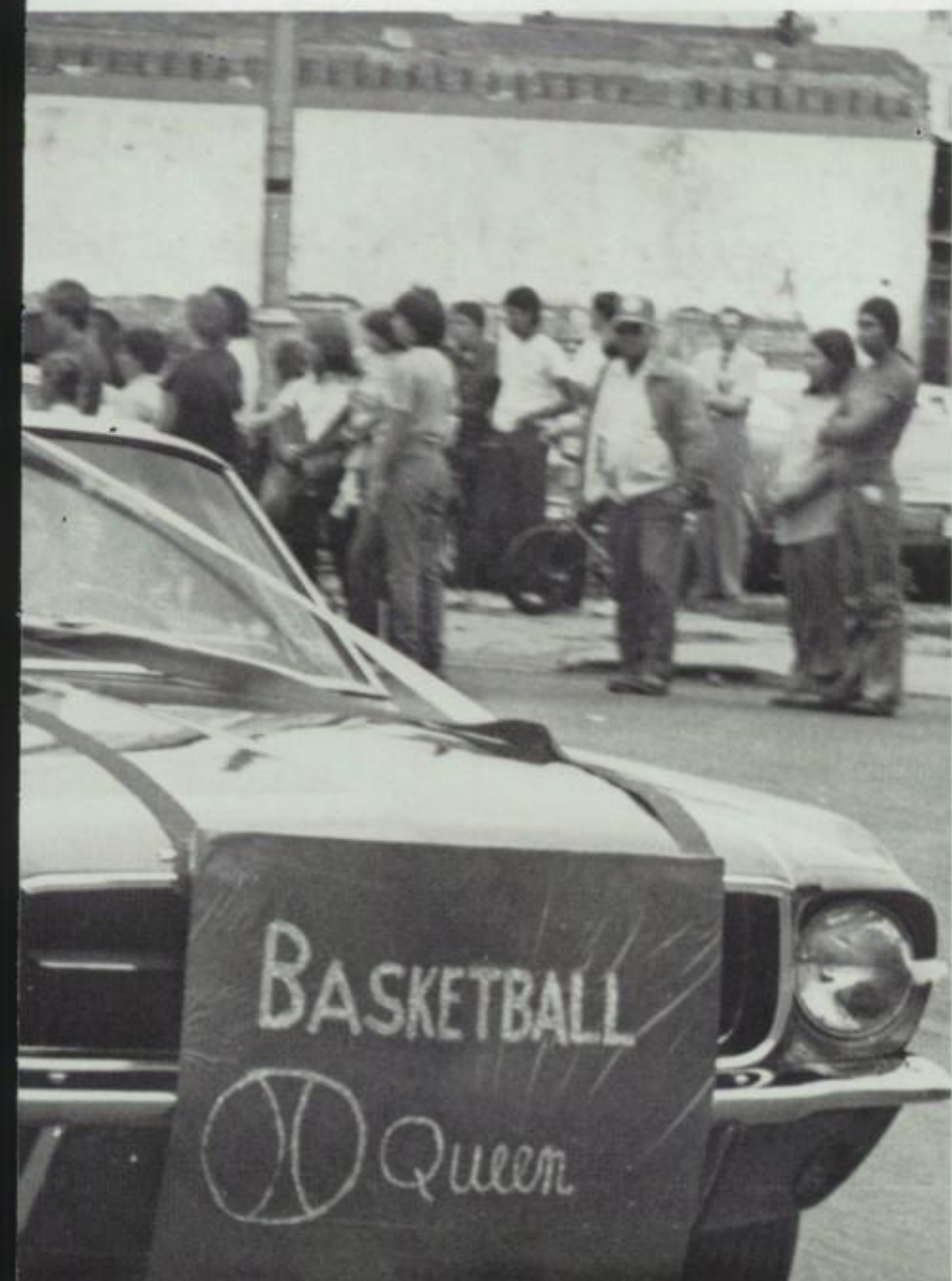
After the parade the girls rushed home to start preparing themselves for the Homecoming festivities. Everything had to be perfect for this grand night. The girls had to make sure their dresses fit properly, their hair set just the right way, and their makeup applied perfectly. Everything had to be just right before stepping out the door.

Before a large crowd at Harmon stadium the seven lovely young ladies and their escorts were introduced. Tammie Downing representing Tennis was escorted by

Brian Rogers, Dawn Howell representing Baseball was escorted by Shawn Smith, Kim Marak representing Golf was escorted by Terry Morrow, Samantha Merriman escorted by Russell Torbett representing Wrestling, Heather Nygard escorted by Joe Wares represented Basketball, Lisa Taylor was escorted by Steve Mangum and represented Football and Rochelle Wilson represented Track she was escorted by Mark McDade.

Each of the girls wore an elegant black taffeta gown and carried a long stemmed rose. After being introduced to the crowd they were escorted down the stadium steps and onto the track.

Finally it was time for the announcement to be made. The 1984-85 All Sports Queen is ... Kim Marak.



PRESIDENT OF THE student council, Robert Magnuson crowns Homecoming Queen Kim Marak.



KIM MARAK IS shocked after finding out that she has been chosen for the All-Sports Queen.

HOMEcoming QUEEN, CANDIDATES and escorts. Dawn Howell, Shawn Smith, Heather Nygard, Joe Wares, Sam Merriman, Russell Torbett, Queen Kim Marak, Terry Morrow, Lisa Taylor, Steve Mangum, Rochelle Wilson, Mark McDade, Tammie Downing and Brian Rogers.

On The Scene



No Doubt About It

"Esquire" magazine's Dubious Achievements issue was published in January, recapping some of the famous (or infamous) uncommanded performances of 1984. All in the spirit of fun, we've added a few of our own.

Daryl Hannah (the mermaid in splash) refused to appear on the Johnny Carson and David Letterman shows because she was "afraid they'd make fish jokes I wouldn't get."

Mr. Craig Brydges ran into a telephone pole while riding his bicycle downtown.

While playing in the Bing Crosby National Pro-am Golf tournament, former President Gerald Ford beamed a woman spectator with a golf ball.

The trophy case, at one time, displayed a broken three-wood golf club, which Mr. Larry Sparkman had broken the day before.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon began serving an 18 month sen-

tence for tax evasion.

Miss Beth Montgomery is often seen crawling through a window in her apartment-she locks herself out quite a bit.

Ronco, the famous useless gadget company, finally went bankrupt.

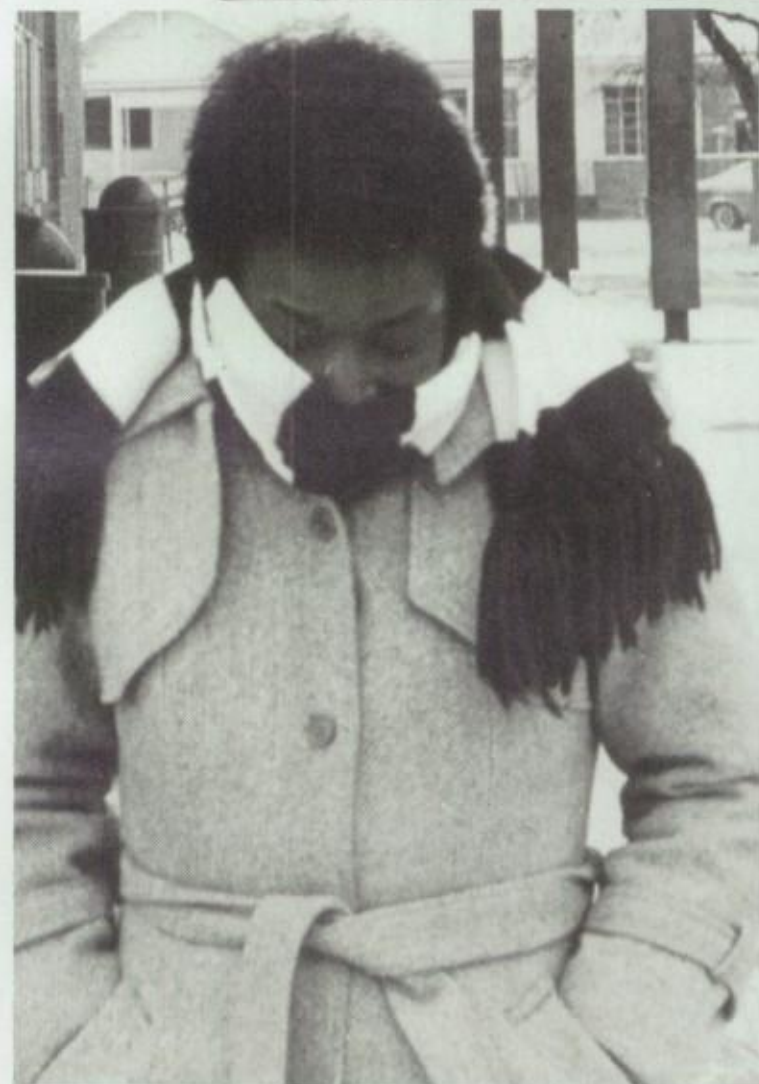
Coach Morgan once ripped his pants during girls basketball practice.

Sanford Stein of Rumson, N.J., opened a summer camp for cabbage patch dolls.

The Yearbook students were surprised to find a dog in their room one morning-Mr. Long also found that the dog had used a corner of his room for a bathroom.

Designer Lee Sands of Honolulu designed an attache' case from the skins of chicken feet.

Mrs. McGee, as usual, showed up for school one morning bright and early-but the doors were locked, for there was no school.



WHAT'S NEWS?



1984 was a year of firsts in all areas imaginable, and almost all of them involved a scandal. Vanessa Williams, the first black Miss America, gave up her title in September after that month's "Penthouse", which contained several objectionable photographs of her, became the hottest issue ever. President Reagan talked with a Soviet official in September, for the first time since his election.

The Jacksons became the first family ever to have every member record a single, while son Michael's video "Thriller" revolutionized music. "Baby Fae" lived longer than anyone ever has—20-days—after receiving a baby baboon heart to replace her own.

The news this year included a great diversness in issues. President Reagan cut highway aid to states whose drinking ages were below 21, and Oklahoma complied. Liquor by the drink was an allowance made in September, but other Oklahoma liquor laws were strengthened. With dissatisfaction among the nation's workers growing, even the workers at Disneyland went on strike. Two continuing fads—computers and fitness—looked as if they probably weren't fads any longer. It was the year of the "Yuppie", or Young Urban Professional, as the nation's affluent were becoming younger and younger.

The heated presidential election brought more firsts. Jesse Jackson became the first black ever to be a serious major-party candidate for presidential nomination. He went on to become one of America's most controversial independent arbitrators when he arranged the release of 22 American political prisoners of Cuba.

Geraldine Ferraro became the first female vice-presidential can-

didate, and was also controversial. Her husband was investigated for income tax fraud and vice presidential wife Barbara Bush was quoted describing Ms. Ferraro as "that \$4 million—I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich."

Two of the year's most popular advertising campaigns were adopted by the two opponents. Democratic nominee Walter Fritz Mondale all but wore out the ever-popular phrase "Where's the Beef?", and T-shirts with the logo "Fritzbusters" were seen throughout the nation.

Sports, as usual, were big news in '84. Even though the Summer Olympics was boycotted by the communist bloc, a record 140 countries participated, and the USA took medals in all areas except three. From the Olympics, America adopted its "pet pixie" Mary Lou Retton, who bounced her way to the gold in all-around gymnastics.

The Chicago Cubs came within one game of a baseball pennant for the first time since 1945, and the Detroit Tigers won the World Series. Brigham Young University stomped a youthful University of Oklahoma team, but they promise to try again for the National Championship next year. A new sports fad, "The Wave" is sweeping stadiums everywhere, even though Reggie Jackson calls it "distracting".

The highlights of 1984 could not begin to be recollected in a small section, and 1985 is sure to bring many more. George Orwell's predictions for "1984" (which, by the way, hit the bestseller lists again in August) have not come true as of yet, though some might like us to think so. We know, even so, that the best is yet to come.

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

What do you like to do in your spare time? The answer might be short and sweet or long and complicated, but these are some of Okmulgee's favorite things to do.

- MIA HARRIS - Playing Basketball
- STEVE CLARK - Making money
- MRS. MONTGOMERY - Spring in the Carribean
- LEREZ CARTER - Dressing
- JON STENDEBACH - Hear Mrs. Pitts tell jokes
- LEE WITT - Sleep
- SEAN McDANIEL - Dancing
- CARLISLE MABREY - Snow skiing
- SHANNON WOMBLE - Eat
- CLARK GIDDINGS - Bend my left knee
- BRUCE MAGLIOCCO - Surfing
- TAMMRA DUNHAM - Listen to the radio
- MR. SPARKMAN - Golf
- KENNY PAINTER - Not working at Mazzio's
- DAVID JOHNSON - Rock & Roll
- JOE DOMEBO - Play the guitar
- COACH MORGAN - Coach & play with his daughter
- PAM ALEXANDER - go shopping
- MIKE JAMES - Play sports
- JOE WARES - Play Baseball
- NITA MOTTE - Watch TV
- ROBBIE HOLLY - Make fun of Nancy Perry's clothes
- BETH GREER - Go swimming
- BRIAN OSBORN - Bother people
- LISA ORR - See my boyfriend
- MIKE WITT - Greco style manitee wrestling
- CHRIS GRAHAM - Being in charge
- TRACY STACY - Being with Marissa
- MICHELLE DAY - Skipping school
- SHAWN STRANG - Partying
- MONTY GIBSON - watching a girl walk down the hall

FOR THE RECORD

Billboard magazine's top ten singles of 1984 proved to be quite surprising to some. December, when the results are broadcast, many of these early-released songs had been all but forgotten. All of them hit number one at one time or another, however, and the number one involved Michael Jackson, of course.

1. Say, Say, Say - Paul McCartney/Michael Jackson
2. When Doves Cry - Prince
3. Jump - Van Halen
4. What's Love Got To Do With It? - Tina Turner
5. Against All Odds - Phil Collins
6. Footloose - Kenny Loggins
7. Karma Chameleon - Culture Club
8. Hello - Lionel Richie
9. Owner of a Lonely Heart - Yes
10. I Just Called To Say I Love You - Stevie Wonder

REAL TO REEL

Movies continue to gross millions of dollars. Fantasy movies made the most this year, and accounted for half of the top ten money-makers. Movies have gotten flashier and more adventurous, and now, almost without exception, incorporate music. This was especially so with Prince's "Purple Rain." The motion pictures which were biggest at the box office this year were:

1. Ghostbusters
2. Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom
3. Gremlins
4. Terms Of Endearment
5. Karate Kid
6. Police Academy
7. Star Trek: The Search For Spock
8. Romancing The Stone
9. Footloose
10. Purple Rain



HOT THREADS

"All you need are looks and a whole lotta money" - at least according to Billy Joel.

Many times this is true. Clothing prices seemed higher than ever this year, but the fashions had a new flair. Whatever the taste, one could choose garments from every extreme. Leather and spikes, faded jeans in a variety of interesting styles, and snakeskin patterned accessories became standard. "Parachute pants" were said to be the hottest selling items of the season. Frivolous touches for girls, such as lace and rhinestones, also came into focus, along with whimsical pieces like hats and gloves. Neon brights were "hot" in more ways than one, being seen in patterns, solids and plaids on sweatshirts

and button-downs for both girls and guys. Springime clothing brought a contrast to this, however, with pale pastels taking over. White became the basic, replacing the wintertime predominance of black. With designs changing so quickly, many shoppers were confused as to what to buy.

"I get mostly classic clothing" stated Jennifer Thorman "sweaters, slacks, jeans and oxfords never go out of style." But almost no one could resist indulging a little.

"Even though I know it won't last, I love being a little bit different - I think these new clothes are cute," confessed Kristi Harrison.

When today's teens look back, like their parents, will probably say "I really wore that thing?"



Some Things Never Change

What if she says "no"? What will we do? Mom, can I have the car?" These are a few of the average teenager's most-asked questions. Almost every weekend, rain or shine, cold or warm, Okmulgee's teens are somewhere "out on the town". Why? "To be with my friends," most will say. But if we question further, there is always another reason - to get a date. Whether freshman or senior, the greatest part of Okmulgee High's students were looking for (or had already found) a special someone.

"I just like to go see who's out on weekends," stated sophomore Lori Meyer.

Although dancing and movies are just about all Okmulgee has to offer, girls and guys usually find something to do. Eating out or "just cruising" were two choices.

"There's usually a dance or a party somewhere" explains Steve Mangum, "and that's where the girls will be."

Some, however, opted for the more secure side of life. Freshman Lynn Bryant commented, "Having a boyfriend is nice - you always have someone to talk to." But for many, a relationship meant phone bills and a number of miles on the car. "Christmas vacation and spring break are too far apart!" complained Mike Carey, junior. But true love wins over all, and time can pass quickly. Future plans might be discussed, and there are always a few marriages in the picture.

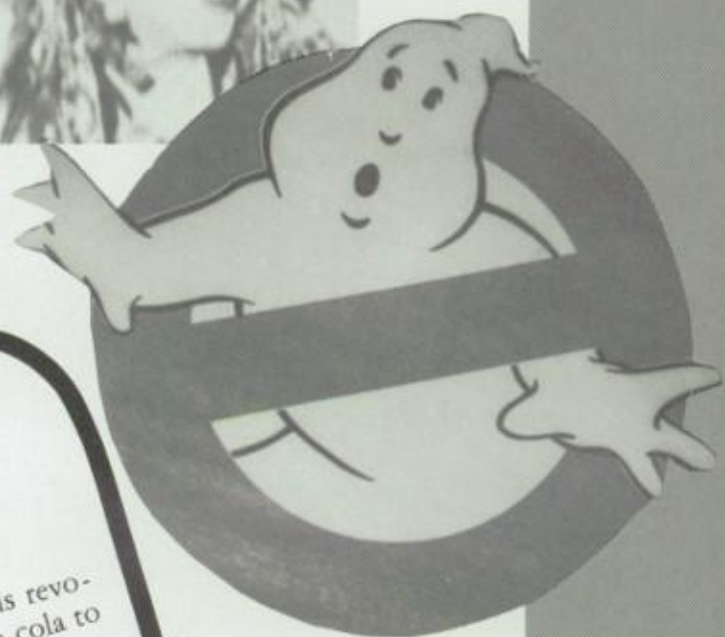
Senior Margaret Schauf confessed, "I just started to cry when I got my engagement ring."

Dating is an age-old institution among teens, and probably always will be. Some can't get one, some have too many, and everyone worries about them. Today's dates aren't much different from those of our parents, and will probably not vary much from those of our children. Some things always make the scene.

Mike James and Nita Motte pause to "talk" for a few minutes between classes.



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IN HOT PURSUIT

Q: How did three Canadians-two journalists and an ex-hockey player- strike it rich with one bright idea and thousands of bits of information?

A: They invented Trivial Pursuit, the most popular board game since Scrabble. In 1984, the question-answer game has become compulsion for millions. Although some of the questions are out of the average teenager's league, a few bits of trivia have become common knowledge to many. Here are a few to try-

1. How many of the United States' 174 Summer Olympic medals were gold?

2. What is rock star Prince's last name?

3. What percentage of Americans say they wear their seat belts?

4. How old will sultry actress Joan Collins be when this book is published in May of 1985?

5. According to the A.C. Nielson rating company, how many hours of television per day does the average American watch?

6. What is the full name of the woman who played the female lead in Purple Rain?

7. What commercial features "The Home of the Big Bun"?

8. Who quacked out 50 birthday candles in 1984?

9. Who gave birth to Henry Charles Albert David?

10. What percentage of American homes with television sets also own VCR's?

11. Whom did Princess Margaret mean when she said "I don't know who he is, but he looks like an over-made-up tart"?

12. What Boston College team member made a 70 yard pass to beat the Miami Hurricanes with one second to go?

13. What fictional character is "Castle Greystoke" of the "He-Man" toy line named after?

14. Besides Michael and Jermaine, who are the other three members of the original group, the "Jackson Five"?

15. What major historical landmark was rehabilitated this year?

16. What sugar-substitute is revolutionizing everything from cola to Jello?

17. When there's something strange in your neighborhood, who you gonna call?

1. 83

2. Nelson

3. 19%

4. 52

5. 7 hrs, 2 min.

6. Apollonia Kotero

7. Wendy's

8. Donald Duck

9. Princess Diana

10. 12%

11. Boy George

12. Doug Flutie

13. Tarzan-his real identity is Lord Greystoke

14. Marlon, Tito, Jackie

15. The Statue of Liberty

16. Nutrasweet

17. Ghostbusters



Frenz Can Last An Eternity

FRENZ-how many of us have them? FRENZ-the ones we can depend on. That is the definition of friends given in the song by Whodini. Walking down the hall, we see many cliques. "Being with a friend seems to make life more fun," said Teletha Anderson.

Hanging out or going out of town to meet new people is a favorite past time. Usually, friends go to Tulsa to shop at the mall. Going

FRIENDS COME IN HAND especially during cold weather. Trying to eat and walk in blowing snow became very difficult for these girls.

They Are The Ones We Can Depend In Always

out to eat or heading to a party is one of the top priority of many teens.

The definition of "clique" used to be known as girls with prissy attitudes, but now it has become more liberal and it is used to refer to people who hang around together. There is no special name for any of these groups. It may be hard to some of us, to consider ourselves in a "clique", but most

do. Even the majority of the young men attending OHS belong to a certain clique.

A friendship can be anything you make it to be. The ability to share each others' company, secrets, life dreams and goals takes an input from everyone. Having a little something in common can make a friendship special.

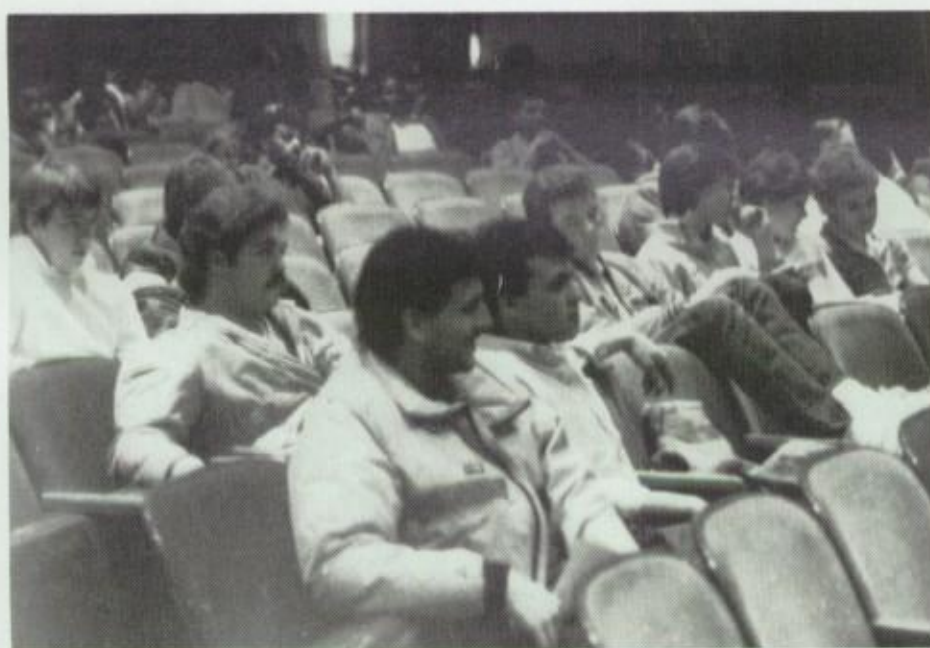
Friends that have developed a close knit relationship can become life time buddies. Long after grade school and graduation from high school is over, one will still have that special person he can always trust. One will never know when a helping hand is needed, but by having friends, there is always someone to fall back on.

To many, parents are their best friends and that can mean alot to them. Being able to communicate with fellow peers, starts at the home. Someday the future and present parents at OHS will realize that this stands true for all humans.

Each generation begins where the last stopped. It is important for the future leaders of America learn how to support each others' ideas and stop the racism that still appears in the United States today.

As was stated before, friends make life much happier to live. One's best friend will always stand by when the chips are down and attempt to bring him back on his feet to solid surface where they belong. The same is true for those belonging in a certain "clique". At OHS, there appears to be no noticeable racism or generation gap. Hopefully, there will never be any of both.

A real true friend will not stab one in the back nor try to hurt his feelings. There are a few known fake friends but none of their rottenness has rubbed off on too many of the students attending OHS. As seen on television, friends and "cliques" favorite hangout appears to be McDonalds. No living person should ever be without a friend.



WHILE LISTENING INTENTLY to the speaker, Bruce Magliocco and Kenny Painter enjoy each others company.

CLASS SCHEDULES IS the topic of discussion for Shannon Whomble, Rhonda Unruh, Lynn Bryant, Vici Keese, and Kellie Dickerson.



FRIENDS HAVE FUN together, as shown by Mia Harris, Ann Parker, Lisa Taylor, LaDana Huffman, Teletha Anderson, and Shell Montgomery.

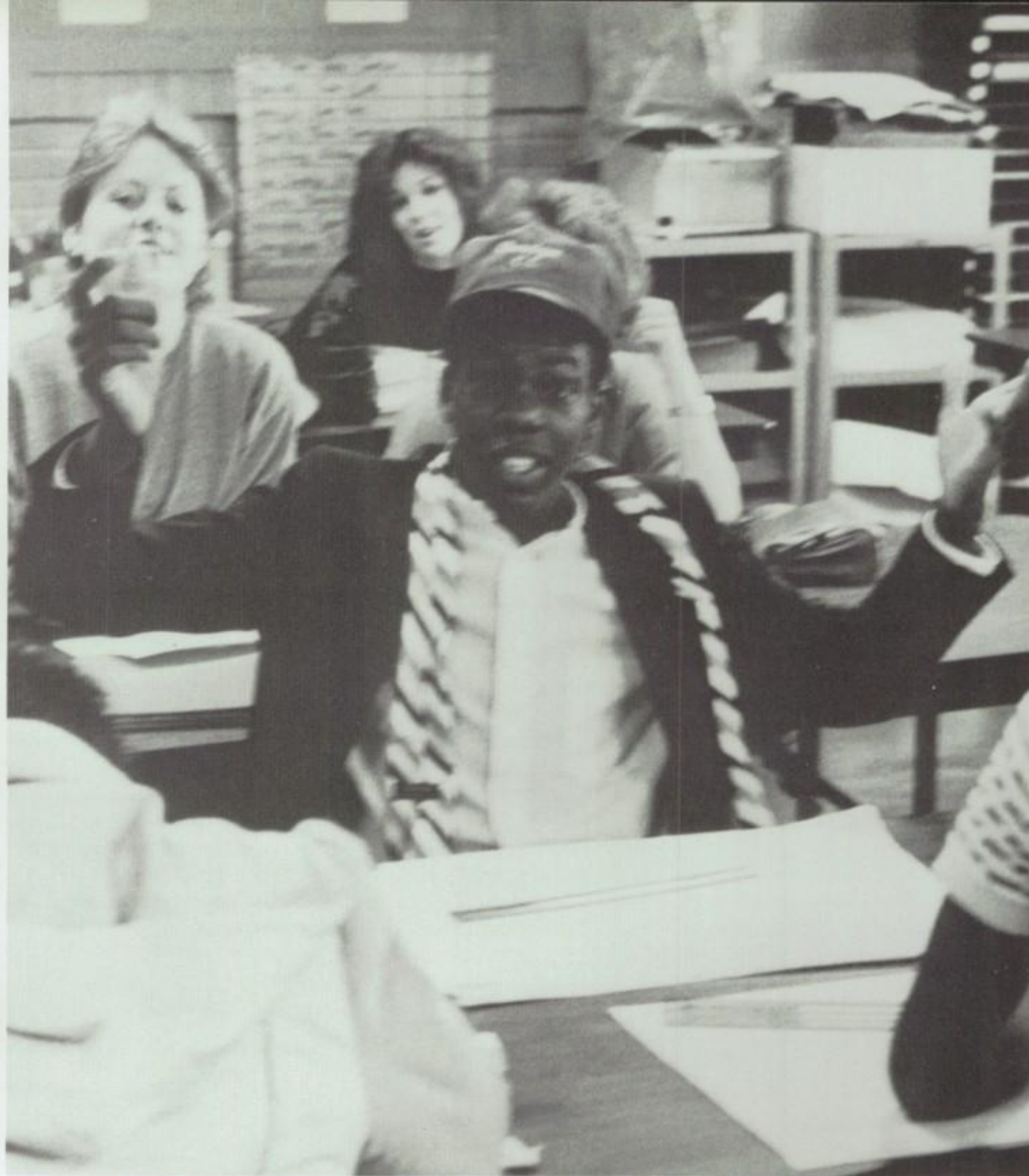
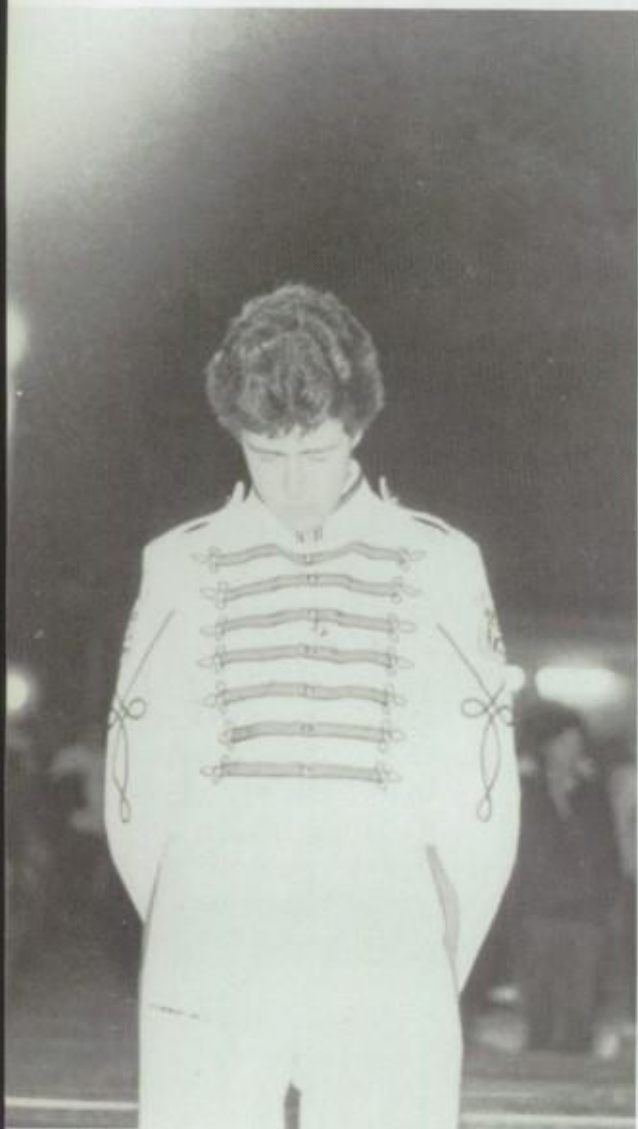


SCOTT FETGATTER SHOWS his concern about the snowball caught in Shawn Strang's hair.

NOT WANTING TO LAUGH, Reginald Emerson listens to Sean McDaniel's joke.

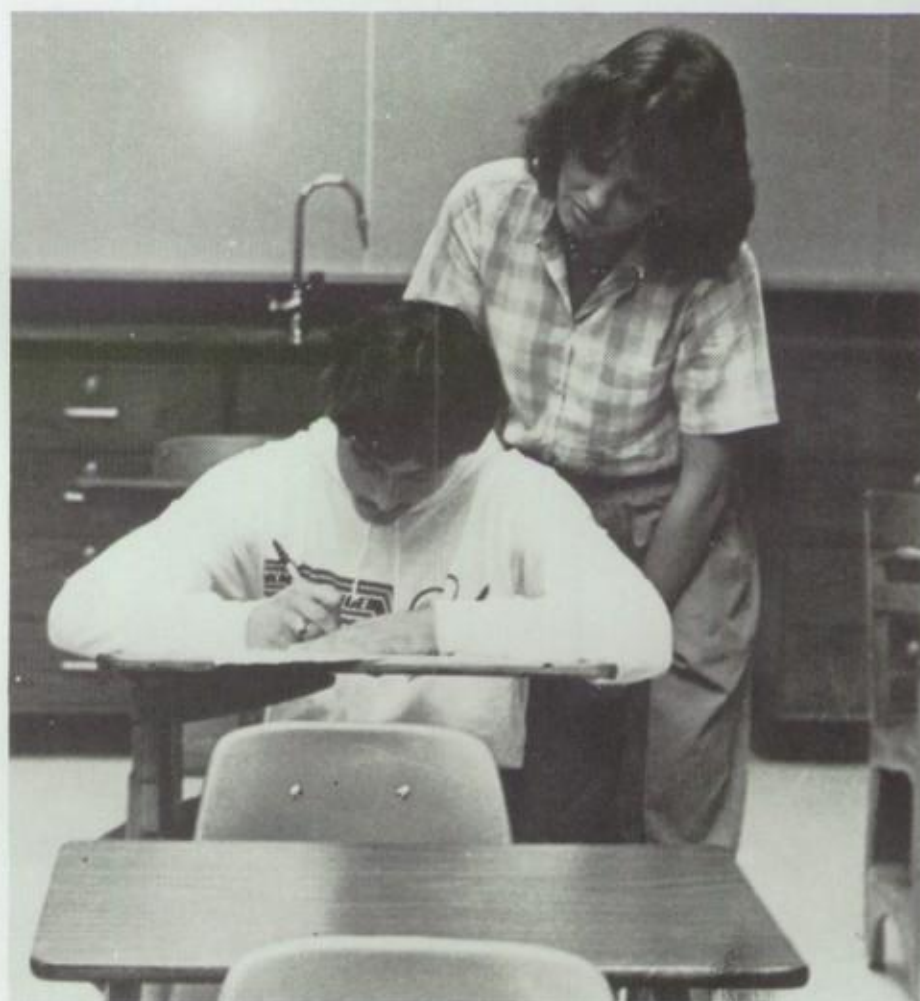
YEARBOOK SPREADS can be trying, and Brian Williams is new at the game. The spread was eventually finished, even after this moment of frustration.

DRUM MAJOR JAMES Alexander is involved in many activities, but band is most important to him.



WITH GASOLINE \$1.15 per gallon, money for keeping a car is one of Pam Brumfield's major worries.

JUNIOR DEBBIE JOKERST sometimes needs a little help from some of the older members of her science class, like senior Shawn Smith.



Contents Under Pressure

Pressure, pressure, pressure! Peer pressure, parental pressure, self pressure — these are all forms of stress that affect high school students

Most teenagers in the nation are under some form of pressure, and Okmulgee youth are no exception. The problems of high school years seem to multiply at an ever-increasing rate, along with the responsibilities of those involved in school organizations. Homework, sports, friends and money are some of the major worries, but there are many other things which students must think about. Stated Heather Nygard, "Sometimes I have so much to do, I don't know where to begin."

Like Hester Prynne's scarlet letter, a worried face and sleepy eyes publicly pointed out the student who stayed up late to study. Minds filled with spelling words, Julius Caesar and right triangles passed one another blankly in the halls. People reciting Shakespearean quotes and bits and pieces of plays were heard everywhere. Band tryout material must also be memorized, along with grammar

Caution: OHS Students May Be Explosive

rules and mathematical axioms. Reading was another necessity, as literature assignments and book reports were required of many.

In addition to routine schoolwork, students involved in some classes had extra responsibilities. Members of clubs like FHA and VICA had various required tasks, and those involved in sports had daily practices. Flag corps, "speechies" and the members of the gifted and talented class had practices and projects that took up much of their time.

Some students were also involved in "extra" activities outside of school. Church groups, special interest clubs and classes at Tech were big time consumers. Late nights were spent working on floats and "decorating" houses, sometimes at the sacrifice of school work.

The ever-shrinking dollar made it necessary for many teens to go to work. If one was able to get a job, hours were often long and sometimes ran late into the night. It

isn't unusual for me to stay at work until one o'clock in the morning on nights I close," confessed Lin Walston, a worker at Wendy's.

Work sometimes took too many hours, meaning that something else must be sacrificed. Pam Brumfield complained, "I just hate it when I have to work on a Saturday night and I see all my friends go by on the drag. But, from the drive-thru I can see a lot of what goes on."

Social life had its own stresses, too. Going to a party or simply going "out crusin'" brought special friends and romances into the picture. One must not only look great and have a magnetic personality, but try to attract a prospective date, also. Friends demanded attention that was sometimes hard to come by.

Dealing with people was not the only problem. The "heat" was on concerning drinking and drugs. Okmulgee students had forces from friends encouraging both positive and negative sides of these issues somewhat evenly. Most stu-

dents opted not to conform to either, but to make their own decisions.

The worry of "cliquing into place" also filled the minds of most students. In some groups, fitting in required only a friendly face, but in others popularity meant much more. The right clothes, the right hairstyle, an acceptable personality. All were a part of having friends. The question "Am I weird?" was prominent in many minds, although trends were changing. Many students no longer worried about being different, but developed their own style. Being different, in fact, was often a standard. Everyone wanted to stand out and be noticed, but most also wanted to "go with the flow" enough to be accepted. There was often a fine line between the two.

If all of this sounds confusing, one still has to consider that many students were involved in more than one activity, and quite a few may have participated in as many as 8 or 9, in addition to regular classes. This is only a sample of what it is like to be making the scene in Okmulgee.



A DAY OFF is rare, but students use free time wisely. Included in one of the casual football games are Donny Miner and Randy Davenport.

TIM SALLY has a lot to do in the automotive department at Wal-Mart, and checking inventory is just a part of it.

Everyone In The Pool!

"May I have a ride to school?"
"Will you take me to lunch?"
These are familiar cries made by lower classmen and other students who do not drive to school, heard by those students that do have a car and do drive to school.

"You just have to beg until you can find someone who will take you," says sophomore Jack Dove.

"Usually it's pretty easy to find a ride, but when there are class meetings at noon, it's tough," commented sophomore Delbert Chiles.

Day after day there is a mad dash when the bell rings at 12:30 to dismiss students for lunch. Either for the parking lot to see who can get to their cars and leave first, or for the snack bar and other places to eat at within walking distance from the campus. In the parking lot, friends pile into cars and squeeze together, taking up every possible inch of room to get more people in the car. Then everyone quickly drives off to McDonald's,

As gas prices rose, as did the number of younger students, car pooling seemed to be the only way to go.

the new Wendy's, Ken's or their favorite place to eat, with their knees stuck in their face, or their elbows stuck in friends faces. One seldom hears complaining, though, as most are content with getting a ride. At almost any fast food place in Okmulgee, teenagers can be seen rushing in to inhale their food during the 40 minute lunch hour.

Elizabeth Dietert, a junior who drives to school and lunch everyday, said, "I never know who will ask me for a ride or who will be waiting at my car wanting a ride, we just pile as many as we possibly can get in and off we go."

As gas prices stayed around the \$1.05-\$1.15 range, some found it hard to drive to school everyday, or

found their gas tank empty as the end of the week rolled around. Digging deep in their pockets is what many have to do to try to get enough money for the weekend.

Finding a ride can be a difficult task so there is an alternative to all of this "hustle" which is the route that many students have to take. Those that aren't able to find rides, choose not to ride with friends, or those who try to save money by not taking their car must walk.

"If I can't find a ride with someone, I just go with some friends and we walk somewhere," says Angie Clements.

For some students at Okmulgee High the thought wouldn't cross their minds to walk. To the con-

trary, many don't seem to mind despite the constant rush to get back to school on time due to the 40 minute lunch hour.

"I really don't mind walking that much," says freshman Jennifer Rickard.

Lance Sands, sophomore, comments, "I eat at the snack bar and I just hurry after the bell rings to get in line before the rush."

Besides the snack bar and cafeteria that are on campus there are several places that are within walking distance that students walk to daily.

Car pooling has been a way of making the scene for Okmulgee High School students and will be for many years to come.

STUDENTS SCURRY TO the parking lot trying to beat the lunch hour rush. Most pupils find themselves at McDonalds or Wendys for a quick lunch, while others journey home.





IN THE PARKING LOT ON the northside of the new building, students can always be found waiting to get a ride from their friends during lunch and after school.

BRIGITTE SWALLOW hurries across the street before she gets hit, while Kim Hartman is seen driving off quickly to get to lunch and back on time during our 40 minute lunch hour.



STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS rushing before they miss their rides to lunch, or wherever they may be going. Vicki Keesee, David Crowley and Mia Harris hurry to leave for lunch before the rush starts.

DEBBIE WHITE WAITS for Bill LeGrand to get into the car with Robbie Hamon before she crosses the street. Repaving of the streets this year kept students from moving at their normal pace.



Students and Teachers Keep Fit

Because Of Health And Beauty, Fitness Remains An Important Priority For All

Nobody wants to be fat yet there are fifty million fat Americans. Fitness has become as much public interest as the space program. The methods and procedures are countless. Exercise alone will not make the overweight slender. Eating well, adjusting one's metabolism, and exercise are all needed for a physically fit person. However exercise is essential for the body. It is important for stimulating circulation and firming up muscle tissue.

What exactly is Physical Fitness? Well, its the ability to firm one's muscles through exercise. Many people go to the local YMCA to perform these exercises yet others are invovled in school activities.

These activities include Basketball, Baseball, Football, Golf, Tennis, Wrestling, Track, and Physical Education. Other forms of activities are widely publicized as ways to stay fit.

All too often exercises are geared more for building muscles than maintaining fitness. One should do activities daily. Even simple house chores make a difference. One can find more and more television shows are based upon fitness. For example the Richard Simmons Show, the 20 Minute Workout, Dancing with Daisy, and even well known talk shows such as Hour Magazine with Gary Coleman have turned the cheek and are going in the fitness direction.

A reason many people enjoy fitness is it gives them a sense of good health, a feeling of well being, and the energy for varied pleasant interests.

Many find that exercising is quite relaxing and exhilarating. It makes them feel refreshed and refined after a long walk or a workout at the nearby Spa. Fitness is not just a Fivalous Fad that will pass in a few months or years. It has been around almost as long as man but different forms of fitness were used. People have worried about the way they looked for centuries and will do so for the years to come.





RUNNING UP THE stairs at Brock Memorial Stadium is one sure way to take off unwanted pounds however, David Jennings finds out this is very tiring.

WITH THE OPENING of the new YMCA, students and citizens of Okmulgee find that keeping fit is easy to do year round.



REMEMBERING THE EXERCISE from the night before, Donnie Miner takes time out to relax before lifting weights.

AFTER LEAVING THE the weight room Donnie goes to the racquetball court to take another time out. As one could guess, Donnie has not lost any weight.

STEPHEN ROWE takes a break from cruising the drag to sit back, relax and watch for a while.



The Gang's All Here!

Where do students go during the weekend? This seems to be a hard question but most teenagers of Okmulgee seemed to find that there are many different ways to spend their time. A majority of the students spent Friday nights at football games cheering their team on to victory. But Saturday night appeared to be a different story. Students found interests in a variety of things. A minority of teenagers had dates and those that do usually go to dinner or to a movie.

"I like to go out with my boyfriend and have a nice time with my sweetheart, Tony McDade," said Lisa Taylor.

Samantha Merriman said, "I like to go out with Randy Thorman (Bubba) on the weekends."

Joe Wares commented, "I like to have mud fights with Jill Robertson."

The drag seemed to be the most popular place to go and a majority

Teens know where the action is

of the students spent the weekend cruising 6th Street and Wood Drive. They usually congregated at the square on 6th and Morton but those that don't meet at Braum's or Sonic find some place of their own to go.

"I like to go riding around, see all my friends, and just have a good time," said Mike Mariano.

The Hut (which serves as the Senior Citizen Recreation Center during the daytime), was also a popular place where people went to dance and to be with their friends.

"On the weekends I like to hang out in the 'projects' and go down to The Hut," said Sheila Mangum.

Some students spent their time in a nearby town such as Tulsa,

Muskogee, or Oklahoma City, where they would find plenty of entertainment such as movies, shopping, or concerts.

"I enjoy a fun filled day of shopping in Tulsa", stated Margaret Harlan.

Then there are those that did not want to do anything but catch up on their sleep.

Steve Clark stated, "I like to revive myself by sleeping all weekend and preparing for the week ahead."

Aimee Cochran summed up her weekend by saying, "Sleep."

Eating out also seemed to be popular among teenagers. They liked to sit around with their friends and enjoy a nice meal at the local McDonald's, Long John Silver's, Mazzio's, Ken's, or Wendy's.

"I enjoy going to Tulsa to eat at Steak -n- Ale with a gorgeous guy", said Debbie Jokerst.

Finally, there are those who did not care what everyone else was doing because they just wanted to do their own thing.

John Randell commented, "I enjoy hunting, fishing, playing football and going to friends houses to call girls."

Jack Dove stated, "I like to go on speech tournaments."

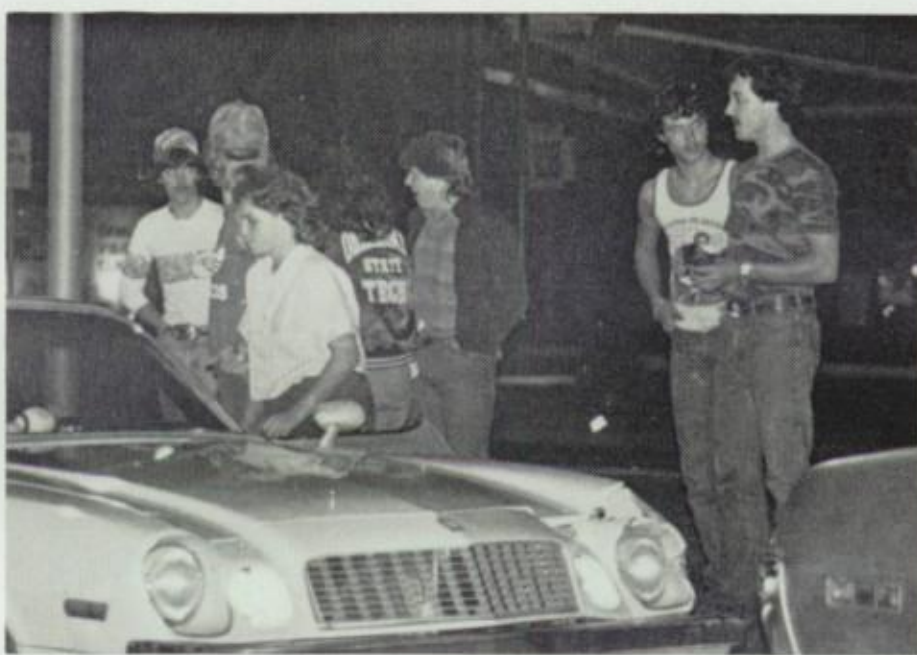
"I enjoy going to a movie or just riding around with my friends", said Denise Brummett.

Whatever people were doing it is plain to see that being with friends is the most important, with a few exceptions. These are only some examples of how an average teenager of Okmulgee spent an average weekend. Rumor has it, however, that some weekends were not so average. We leave that with the imagination of the reader.



CARLA WHITE refreshes Rebecca Ingley with food and drink after a long night of cruising.

PAULA COX seems to be enjoying herself while spending her spare time with a friend.



FRED HENSLEY rambles on about life while a nearby friend finds more interest in other things.

STUDENTS GATHER at the site of a car wreck which is not uncommon on an average weekend.

Beware! It Is Lunchtime

The bell rings. The door bursts open and 850 students spew from its opening. Some of them race to their cars, rev the engines, and peel out of the parking lot, barely avoiding head to head collisions. Other students are found stampeding out of classrooms trampling everything in their path. This is not a fire drill nor is it a bomb threat. This is lunch break at OHS.

Beware of the second floor in the old building at this time. Mrs. Carol Scott's class waste no time in heading for the lunch room. They fully understand the term, "The

From The Empty Hallways Of The School Pour Hundreds Of Hungry Students.

early bird always catches the worm." Everyone agrees that lunch time at Okmulgee High School is one of the most hectic events of the day.

The lunch room, the most inexpensive source of nutrition, is always organized in lines of people wanting to calm their growling stomachs. The cafeteria serves such favorites as Wacky Cake, cinnamon rolls, frito pies, and their suc-

culent southern fried chicken.

Those who are brave, venture to the concession stand. Our concession stand workers are undoubtedly the only ones in their line of work eligible for combat pay. In comparison, the concession stand at OHS is some what similar to the New York Stock Exchange at bidding time.

Lunch break is different to every one at OHS. For some of us it is

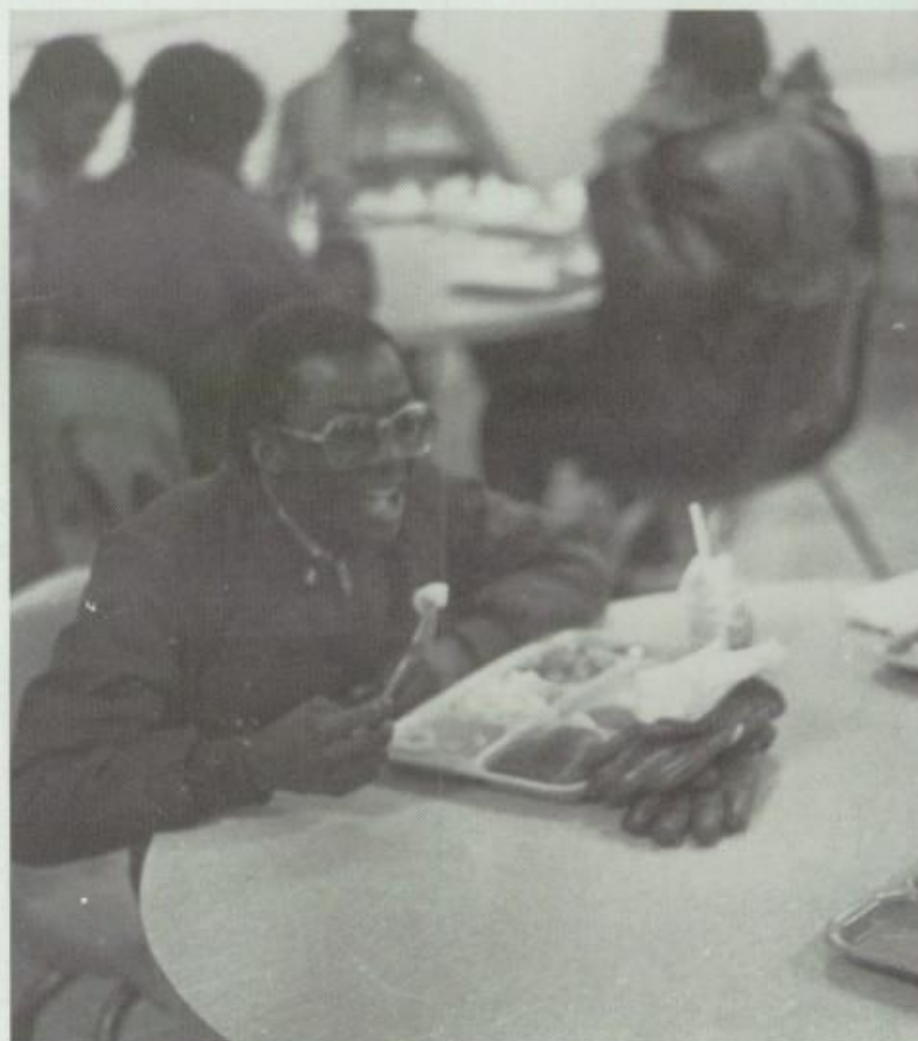
time to catch up on the latest gossip, to others it is time to make up to upset friends. Lunch period also provides time to study or attend meetings in the library.

After eating lunch, students cruise around the Brock. Many classmates lounge inside of the gym, peering through its giant glass windows. If it is a nice warm day, some of students sit lazily in the sun on the cement steps in front of Brock Memorial Gymnasium.

SEVERAL STUDENTS TAKE the option to eat off campus. Scott Allen quickly finds out that he is not the only student that is hungry.

WHILE EATING IN THE cafeteria, Ronald Barnett shares an interesting story with some close friends.

POTATOE CHIPS AND A ham and cheese sandwich proved to be a hearty meal for Rodney James during his lunch break.





MR. WILLIAM SKIMBO demonstrates that even teachers have to eat and that teachers, like students, enjoy a simple meal.

HAMBURGER, FRENCH FRIES and a coke is shared by a friend of Stephanie Henry at McDonalds.

TSAI-CHIN COHEN finds that the snack bar is the best place to go for a coke and candy bar.





KIM ROGERS JOGS daily, just one of the many ways Okmulgee teens keep in shape. Jogging not only burns calories and builds muscles, but is good for the heart as well.



RICK HESS, FRESHMEN, concentrates on sinking that fifth hole on the green at the Okmulgee Country Club. Scott Fetgetter looks on, trying to decide whether Rick will make it.



THE OHS VARSITY CHEER-LEADERS display their group dance talents. They are Dawn Howell, Lisa Taylor and Samantha Merriman, front row, and back Kim Hartman, Jennifer Smith, Susan Wilcox and Suzanne Stone.



TYRONE COOKS IS surrounded by opponents, but he goes for points anyway. Cooks was rewarded for his efforts, and the Bulldogs went on to win this game.



ROBERT WILSON HAS almost defeated this opponent by pinning him. Wrestling referees must sometimes assume unusual positions in order to judge grapplers' standing in a match.

Sports



P.S. Keep on tracking U

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I've been a
great fan and
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"S.O.S."

THE BULLDOG FOOTBALL TEAM, complete with their matching shirts, stands on the floor of Brock Memorial Gym at the Muskogee pep assembly. A moment of prayer is a regular activity at the assemblies, and this one is conducted by Joe Wares.



Life in the spotlight was not always glamorous. The thrill of victory came often, but the agony of defeat was also a part of life for everyone involved in Bulldog sports --- from the star players to the matmaids. Students provided lots of support by cheering the Bulldogs on in many cases, though there were sometimes not enough people to make much noise. Whether the spectators came in droves or not at all, everyone strove to be the best.

Practices were essential to playing well, and were held daily in every corner of town. The country club provided an eighteen hole golf course for the use of the golf team. New golfers included girls this year as well as guys, a new concept in Okmulgee. Cross country runners whizzed by on their way to nearby Kiddie's Lake Park, where a large hill was scaled every-day in order to build muscles and endurance. Across town at the Hospital Park, the huge tennis team could be seen hard at work on serves, backhands, or possibly just being able to hit the ball.

Down the highway, almost at the edge of town, both baseball teams increased their skills at Bateman Memorial Baseball Park. Swinging bats, catching baseballs and running bases became routine, along with inspiration from Coach Dan Morgan. Team spirit also rose high at Harmon Stadium while football players lifted weights and learned formation after formation.

Wrestlers also lifted weights at Harmon and worked out in the famous "sweat room". Sweat was helpful to the wrestlers, however, as many of them were required to lose several pounds in order to compete in a lower weight bracket. The members of the two track teams were another addition to those working out at the stadium. Their many activities gave a scurrying excitement to the field. Each sport chose a senior girl as their queen, and during homecoming week these girls became candidates for All Sports Queen.

As each sport began it's season, team members became the "stars of the moment". Some were motivated by pep assemblies, some by special community clubs, some by the enthusiasm of spectators and some performed out of

sheer determination. Dedication is the most important word to any athlete, and OHS "stars" were no exception. This dedication has brought on the phrase, "Okmulgee: where achievement is a tradition," and no citizen of Okmulgee was able to forget it. Dedicated players were featured every day in the Okmulgee Daily Times, and a few times in the Tulsa Tribune.

The team sports: baseball, football, and basketball seemed to be the most popular, along with wrestling, which also received a fair share of faithful fans. More individualized sports: golf, tennis and track, had many district, regional and state champions, if not having quite as many eager onlookers. All teams became achievers, holding the reputation of Okmulgee with honors.

There were, of course, other sports to be participated in. One of the most enjoyable --- for spectators as well as players was the annual Junior-Senior Powder Puff Football Game. Dressed in sweats and ready for action, junior and senior girls were coached by their more experienced male counter parts in the weeks before the game. The guys not coaching borrowed skirts and sweaters from the cheerleaders to cheer their teams on to victory. Proceeds from the game helped to pay for the Junior-Senior Prom.

School sponsored sports were not the only forms of recreation. The Okmulgee County Family Y.M.C.A. offered opportunities for racquetball, aerobics, gymnastics and soccer, which were participated in by a large number of students. Those not enrolled in school sports seemed to show the greatest interest in these, showing the many different talents to be found at Okmulgee High School. Jogging, horseback riding and ping-pong were just a few of the other sports students played. A video game or friendly game of pool or fooseball at the Tri-Star was enough excitement for some, while others tried more unique activities such as sky diving.

Some of the athletes took sports very seriously. Some were involved for fame, some for fitness and some for fun, but all were ...

Making the Scene

Netters Close With Wins

The Bulldog tennis teams finished the year with winning seasons. The girls finished their season with a 7-3 record. Four players from the girls' team qualified in regionals which allowed them to participate in the state tournament held in Okmulgee.

In the number one position, New Zealander Mary Davis ended up with record of 10-5 and in the second position Laurie Fuller had a season record of 12-5. In the third position, Julie Wiemer had a excellent record of 17-8 as did the number four girl, Kim Porter, and the number five girl, Susanna Phelps. In the sixth position Dollene Stange, also qualified for the state tournament but was unable to get to the first round.

The boys team also sent four players to the state tournament. The number one doubles team of Jerry Williams and Mike Little took first place in regionals action in Okmulgee and were expected to be one of the best doubles team in the state at the state tournament.

The boys faced the state tournament after a successful year. Although they took their first

team losses in several years, the season was, overall, better than had been expected due to the fact that the top four players graduated last year. The 1984 boys tennis team ended up with a record of 6-4.

In the number one position, Jerry Williams finished off his senior season with a record of 20-7. In the number two position with a record of 23-3, also a good season, was Mike Little. Newcomer Todd Beck had a good year with a record of 14-1, as did Ernest Sanders.

At the end of the 1984 tennis season, Coach Frank Taylor could see nothing but rebuilding for the future as they loss a total of 10 seniors out of 12 positions. But to those seniors, their last year in tennis will mean carrying on the winning tradition for the Okmulgee Bulldog tennis team.

The young Bulldog golf team finished 16-4 in the 1984 season. The team consisted of four juniors, one sophomore and nine freshmen. Three to four freshmen made the starting list.

Top scorers for the golf team were Rick Hess and Russell Torbett. Rick was also voted most

valuable player.

The season was dotted with victories with the most impressive being over McAlester and Henryetta. The team also played Bristow very close, getting only nine strokes and Bristow ended up being State 3-A Champions.

The biggest disappointment of the year was at the regional tournament.

"I really thought after the regular season that we had a good chance to make it to state," stated Rick Hess.

"We played our two worst rounds of the year on that day," said Coach Colombin.

The regional tournament in McAlester spelled defeat for the Bulldog golf team as they failed to make the top three to qualify for state.

"We will do better this year because everyone is returning with some experience under their belt," said Coach Colombin.

"I want to be in Norman this year to win state championship and I know we can do it," stated Rick.

Scoreboard

Boys 6-4

Girls 7-3

Team	Boys	Girls
Union	5-4	6-3
Bristow	6-3	8-1
McAlester	5-4	6-3
Metro Christian	4-5	4-5
Henryetta	3-6	4-5
McAlester	3-6	3-6
Skiatook	5-4	7-2
Henryetta	2-7	6-3
Union	5-4	7-2
Collinsville	5-4	8-1
3rd Place Regionals		



FRESHMAN JOHN PARKER volleys at the net during practice. He was seeded at number position at the beginning of the school year.



SOPHOMORE RICK HESS tees off during a match. Rick was in the number two spot of the team last year.

SCOTT FETTGETTER DRIVES off of the number two tee box as Rick Hess watches his form.



Scoreboard

16 Wins

4 Losses

Team	Wins	Losses
Bristow	1	1
Ft. Gibson	2	0
McAlester	1	0
Checotah	2	0
Sand Springs	1	2
McAlester	1	0
Ft. Gibson	2	0
Henryetta	1	1
Checotah	2	0
Metro Christian	1	0
Henryetta	2	0

3rd Place Sallisaw Tournament
4th Place Regionals

Morgan Receives 200th Win

Although they did not win the state 4A championship last year, the Okmulgee Bulldogs gave all of their opponents a run for their money and closed the season with a 25-9 record.

The Bulldogs had talent moving up this year such as Scott Bevenue, who was a starting pitcher on varsity his freshman year, and Brian Rogers who had a pitching ERA of 2.26.

Last season head baseball coach Dan Morgan received his 200th win and added several more this season.

"The 200th career win captured in the finals of our own tournament, was a very important victory in very many ways. It is a milestone that took ten years to achieve.

"I had more people involved than I can name,

and they help to keep the winning tradition going at Okmulgee High School that has been established in the past," said Coach Morgan.

He further stated that he feels very fortunate to have reached the record in such a short period and hopes for bigger and better things in the future.

The Bulldogs had an extra advantage last season in that of the 34 games, 22 of them were played at home. The team was 20-2 at home and 5-7 on the road.

Tournaments for the baseball players included the Bulldog Classic, the Okmulgee Tournament and the Muskogee Tournament. The Bulldogs were victorious in the Okmulgee Tourneys, but couldn't grasp the first place spot in the Mus-

kogee Tournament.

Five of last years seniors went to play at Carl Albert Junior College. They include Lee Wilson, third base; Vic Mariano, first base and catcher; Willie Huffman, pitcher; James Brown, pitcher; Mike Nickell, second base.

Next year there will be seven to nine spots to fill on the varsity team, nevertheless, the baseball team is expected to continue their winning tradition.

Scoreboard

25 Wins - 9 Losses

50 Varsity Baseball

Team	Opp.	Dogs
Bixby	5	1
Tulsa Kelly	3	4
McAlester	0	10
McAlester	3	13
Idabel	2	12
Broken Bow	1	6
Broken Bow	5	8
Hugo	10	4
Hugo	3	20
Broken Arrow	7	1
Broken Arrow	6	7
Eufaula	1	11
Eufaula	2	17
Casia Hall	3	5
Casia Hall	4	14
Ft. Gibson	6	7
Ft. Gibson	3	15
Broken Arrow	7	6
Hilldale	1	3
Sperry	8	7
Pryor	7	5
Checotah	0	10
Checotah	7	9
Broken Bow	1	2
Henryetta	1	12
Muskogee	5	1
Beggs	3	11
Muskogee	3	10
Muskogee	2	12
Sallisaw	2	6
Sallisaw	7	12
Henryetta	4	5

Regionals

Broken Bow	4	3
McAlester	8	2



VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM include the following: Kneeling (left to right)- Chuck Campbell, Scott Wilson, Willie Huffman, Mike Nickell, Head Coach Dan Morgan, Rod Butts, Tony Thomas, Lee Wilson, Vic Mariano and James Brown. Standing (left to right)- Coach Gary Calip,

Tim Tozer, Scott Bevenue, Donald Warnock, Mike Mariano, Scott Allen, Shawn Smith, Mike James, Joe Wares, Brian Rogers, Steve Mangum, Monty Gibson, Mark McDade, Bruce Magliocco, and Coach Gene Walters.

MARK MCDADE ROUNDS third base and brings in another run for the Bulldogs.



JOE WARES TAKES his time coming into home plate after one of the many homeruns hit by the Bulldogs.



BEHIND THE PLATE. Tony Thomas gets into position for a fast ball pitch from one of the talented Bulldog pitcher.

Armory Dug-Out

With winter having an early start, the baseball players had problems with practice outside so Coach Dan Morgan designed a plan for the team to practice on the inside of the Armory Building across from the high school.

A few years ago, the Board of Education gave the go-ahead for the system to buy the old building. The first group of people to occupy the structure was the tennis team. They too had problems with the weather but wanted to continue their practice and classes. Thus, after several days of removing dirt, trash, and other materials, the building was ready for use.

During the early part of this year the building also housed indoor baseball practice. With the

help of the Dug-Out Club, Coach Morgan was able to construct an indoor ball catching device. This would enable the students to practice on their hitting. Other equipment made indoor practice the next best thing to the real outdoor situation.

"The Dug-Out Club has been very supportive of our program and so has the community. I really appreciate their hard work and effort," said Coach Morgan.



SENIOR SHAWN SMITH works on his hitting in the batting cage at the Armory. The baseball team practices indoors when the weather isn't suitable for practicing outdoors.

BUILT IN 1936 as a National Guard Armory, the building is now used by the baseball and tennis teams when bad weather approaches.





JEFF GROVES, BRUCE Magliocco, and Brent Todd feed the pitching machine during an indoor practice in the Armory.

JEFF GROVES LOOKS on as David Merriman and Mike Mariano practice their swing on the tees.



Relay Wins First

When people hear the word track they think of running themselves to death but in most cases it means competing against oneself and the clock to get the best time to qualify for a medal which means alot to the people competing.

The Cross Country track team consisting of both girls and boys and the Okmulgee High School track teams are coached by head coach Dwight Pankey with coach Ronnie Parks assisting in cross country and coach Ms. Beth Montgomery assisting in the girls track team. Coach Pankey spends much time during and after school coaching and getting the runners in shape for competition.

Coach Pankey's practices consist of running four to five miles a day, and running up a hill which everyone dreads.

Coach Pankey said "Graduation hurt us last year but we should be recognized in Cross Country in the years to come."

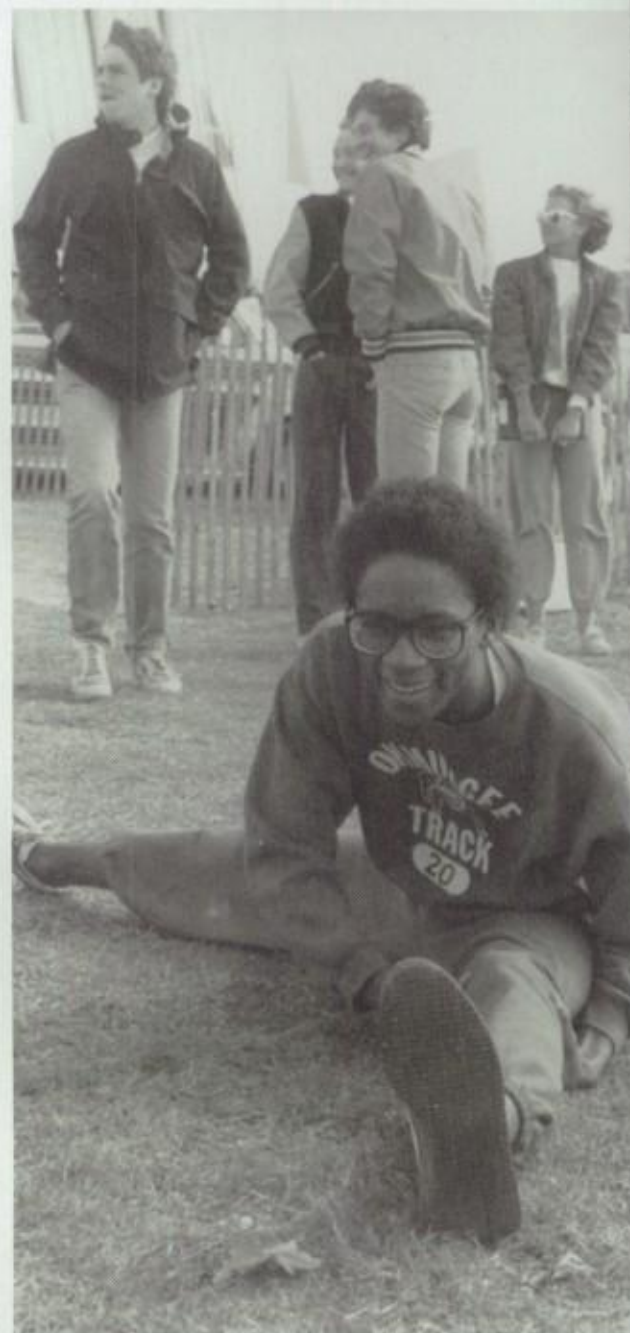
Who said boys are the only ones to run track? The girls had a tremendous showing at

the State Track Meet last spring in Norman. The girls track team was predicted to place 8th but instead they placed 5th overall with a total of 48 points. The 1600 meter relay team consisting of Betty Fisher, Rochelle Wilson, Sonya Roundtree, and Heather Nygard won first place with a time of 4:08.

Heather Nygard won first place in class 4A girls high jump, and first place in the 400 meter dash with a time of 59.83. Heather matched the third best girls high jump in history by winning the 4A title with a jump of 5'9". She was nominated for the All-American Track Team, for her great showings in the State Track Meet. She was the only individual girl picked from Oklahoma.

The girls track team did very well in their regular season and at the state track meet.

Ms. Montgomery commented, "These young ladies have done an excellent job and we should be very proud of them!"



WARMING UP BEFORE a track meet is very important, and Sherman White and Mike Danielson make sure they are well stretched before the Oral Roberts meet.



COACH DWIGHT PANKY wants to make sure that Tracy Cook and Tracy Mitchell are ready for their cross-country run.



DONNA GISLASON, TRACY Mitchell and Tracy Cook try to ease the tension at this track meet by stopping to chat for a moment.

Close Games Highlight Season

Bad breaks was the name of the game for the Bulldog football season for 1984-85. While winning five games, the Dogs lost their other games by close calls and miscued plays. Overall, the season was constantly filled with emotion and enthusiasm.

The scores tallied by the Dogs remained low due to the aggressiveness of the defense. However, all of the Dogs opponents seemed to be just as stubborn with their defense. As a result, the Bulldogs played a very slow paced defensive game but occasionally they would have a burst of explosive offense.

One game that stressed defense greatly was the intense Bulldog- Shawnee Wolves match-up. The two teams went scoreless in the first period, but in the second quarter, the Dogs scored on a 44 yard touchdown by Rusty Lewis that finished off a 79 yard scoring drive. An 80 yard retaliation drive by Shawnee was capped when the Wolves ran in from the four yard line. The score was tied 6-6 and remained that way until the end of the game.

In overtime play, the Dogs won the coin toss and started defense first, which gave the Dogs a chance to show their skills.

Shawnee's first down was a loss of two yards and during the second down, the powerful defensive line pushed the Wolves for a loss of one yard. Third down was an incomplete pass so within fieldgoal range, the Wolves elected to kick the ball. Once the ball was in the air, Bulldog fans could be seen jumping and screaming and to their pleasure, the field goal was missed.

The Dogs gained the ball back and pushed within 20 yards of the goal post. Jason Cruce was called to do the honors of putting the game to an end, and he did that with a good fieldgoal making the score 9-6.

Key defensive plays came by the way of fumble recoveries by Mark McDade and Monty Gibson who picked off a pass.

The next game was just as intense as the Bulldogs faced their Green Country rival-Muskogee. This would be the fourth time the Dogs

defeated Muskogee as they won a nail-biting game by a score of 16-14. Muskogee had an explosive offense as they drove 74 yards on one touchdown, but the steel jaws of the Dog Defense clinched another victory for the team.

All of the games lead to the District play-offs which was a clash with the Durant Lions. This game was actually a give away as the Dogs fumbled the ball and were not able to stop the offense of the Lions.

Perhaps the thriller of the game was when Monty Gibson threw a bomb that was tipped by a Durant defender to Joe Wares who was all alone for the rest of the 57 yards and waltzed into the end zone untouched. Nevertheless, the Lions scored again to make the 26-15 score the last points that the senior Bulldog players would see.

"I was disappointed to lose so many close games, but I have learned about discipline on the field of play and work. Football has also helped me to build my character," stated senior Robert Magnuson.

Scoreboard

5 Wins - 5 Losses

Team	Opp.	Dogs
Henryetta	0	7
Muskogee	14	16
Shawnee	6	9
Bartlesville	17	3
El Reno	13	7
Casia Hall	31	34
Tulsa Kelly	17	7
Broken Bow	6	14
McAlester	21	8
Durant	25	16

MIKE COLPRIT TALKS with seniors Joe Wares (80) and Robert Magnuson (78) about making key pass plays. Joe's ability to catch came in handy throughout the season.





RODNEY JAMES (23) avoids a tackle by a Casia Hall defender, while Robert Magnuson (78) lowers his back to give assistance. The Dogs beat Casia Hall 34-31.



1984-85 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM: *First Row-* Mike James, Monty Gibson, Mike Newport, Mark Evans, Steve Mangum, David Barker, Tony Bird, Tim Tozer, Rodney James, Preston Roberts, and Kevin Tate. *Second Row-* Robert Wilson, Scott Fetgatter, Bryant Goree, Anthony McHenry, Rusty Lewis, Oscar Higgs, Scott Bevenue, Brett Purvine, John Gouthier, Steve Titsworth, Jason Cruce and Billy Howell. *Third Row-* Charles Brasier, Ray Crook, Tyrone McGriff, Greg Adolph, Johnny Powell, John Miner, Dane Couch, Sean Evans, Mike Mariano, Shawn Smith,

Bobby Clark and Robbie Holly. *Fourth Row-* David Gibson, Mark McDade, Brian Meese, Craig Ellis, Mike Niel, Kenny Mann, Lance Sands, Paul Hudson, Robert Magnuson, Randy Cusher, Joe Wares, Steve Jones and John Rogers. *Fifth Row-* Scott Allen, Russell Torbett, Coach Dan Morgan, Coach Steve Hill, Coach Dan Sulivant, Coach Charles Cruce, Coach William Walker, Coach Jan Colombin, Rick Hess, Mike Garner, Billy Nygard, David Merri-man, and Kenneth Bledsoe.

Seniors



David Barker- "He played above his size all year, a real mainstay at corner."



Anthony Bird- "A great player, one of the best defensive backs on the team."



Ray Crook- "The most considerate, well-disciplined, and devoted player."



Mike James- "A great player. Did an excellent job for the Dogs and always willing to work."



Rodney James- "A hard worker, considerate, and he has great talent."



David Johnson- "Played a key role in some of the games."



Steve Jones- "Didn't get to play because of neck injury. He provided the team with moral support."

Seniors



Robert Magnuson- "Start at offensive tackle, did a good job in and out of the game."



Steve Mangum- "A real threat with the ball. Defense had to know where he was at all times."



Mark McDade- "A very big part of the 1984-85 defense. A very coachable young man."



Shawn Smith- "A very small linebacker compared to others, but he started for two years."



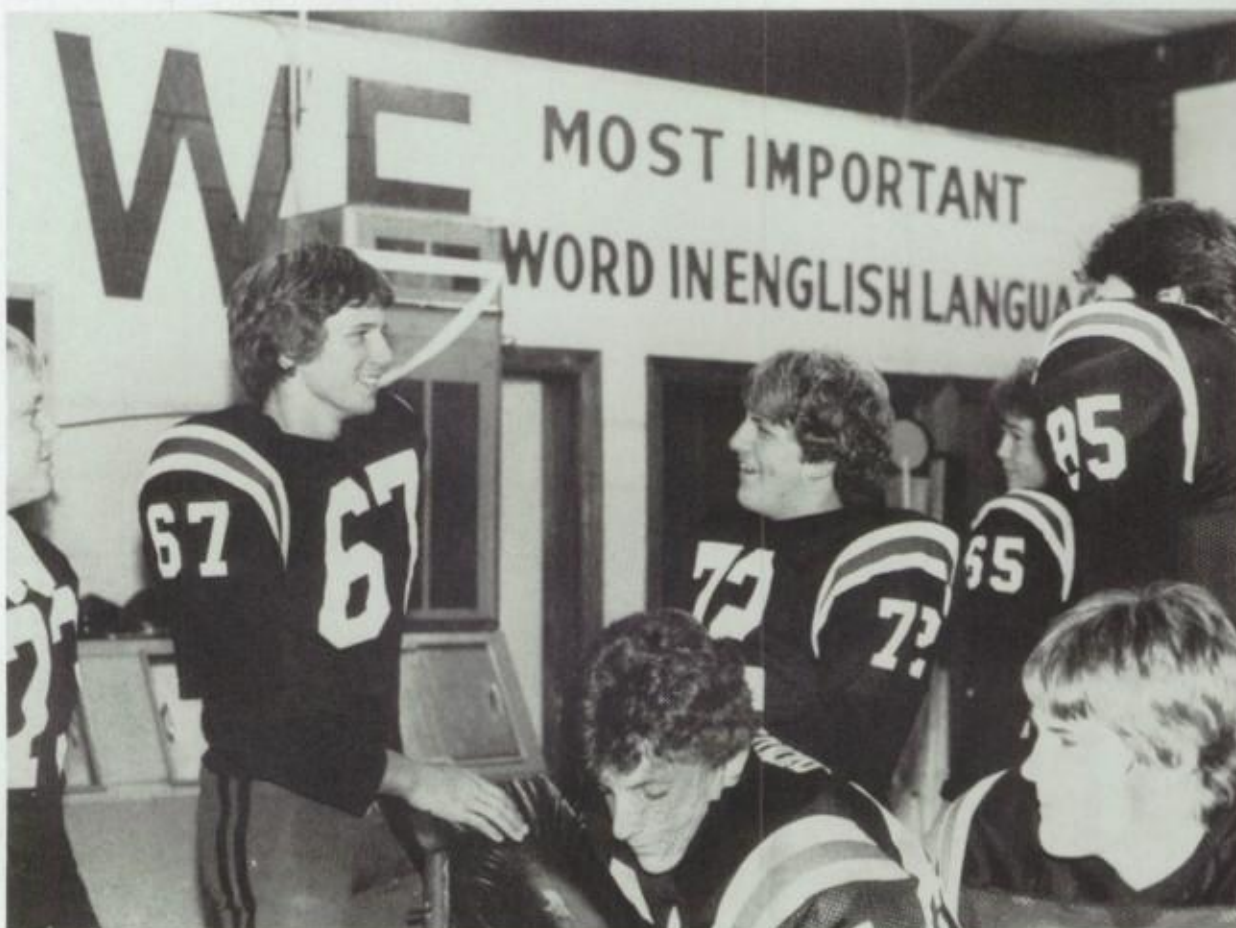
Tim Thompson- "Played a vital role in the Bulldog game play."



Russell Torbett- First year to play in a long time. He learned a lot about how to play.



Joe Wares- "Had a great year, caught some very key touchdown passes."



DAVID GIBSON, SCOTT FETGATTER, Mike Neil, Robbie Holly and Rick Hess discuss the importance of the upcoming game.



GREG ADOLPH (54) TRIES to hold the defense as Rodney James (23) fakes by cutting against the grain.



ARRIVING AT THE RIGHT time, Eric Abonodi (73), and Travis Tipton (54), standby to help take down an opponent.



MONTY WOODIE (24) OPENS his hands for the pitch out on this option play.

GOING WIDE LEFT on the field, Monty Woodie (24) finds himself in open territory.



Pups Learn Dog Strategy

Learning how to run plays and how to stop others was a major accomplishment for most freshmen and junior varsity players. Often these players were allowed to play with the varsity, but only when needed or necessary.

One misconception about the second team players is that they are not good players or they are second class players. This is not always the case, as each year the Bulldog team is loaded with talent and only so many players can play varsity at one time.

"I liked the position that I played, and I am

PREPARING FOR AN ARSENAL attack, Monti Woodie (24) lowers back in position to throw while Carlisle Mayberry (12) gives pass protection.

looking forward to next year," commented junior Varsity quarterback Mike Newport.

Mike further stated that while he was having fun, he learned a lot about team support, moral and citizenship.

"It is a unique situation in that everyone is like a brother, and with everyone working together, we can win games," said Mike.

Although the team had the winning attitude, the results were not the same. Nevertheless, winning all of the games was not as important as learning the Bulldog game plan.

"As these players mature, they will be able to produce tremendous results on the field, however, they are just in their learning stages," said William Walker, who worked close with some of the players.

Seniority Rules Cagers

After a disappointing loss at the state tournament last year, the Bulldog Cagers warned other teams to watch out for this year. Evidently, opponents did not heed the warning as the Bulldog team ended the season with an impressive 23-2 record.

Seniority was indeed the name of the game as Head Coach Carl Scott had seven returning seniors to fill out this year's explosive team.

Coach Scott set the pace at the beginning of the year when the team record was 5-0. He commented that any player that was on the court would work full speed or they would watch the game from the bench.

"Coach always made sure that when we were playing, that 100% effort was being utilized at all times, and that is what makes a winning team," said James Overstreet.

The team had its ups and downs throughout the season, especially at the beginning. Mike James took on the leadership role, while Darrell Ruff had problems and had to miss some days. Overstreet had to struggle in getting the game

plan right and being at the right place at the right time. Of course, the other problem was getting everyone into proper playing position and with so much talent on hand that was somewhat difficult.

Nevertheless, the hurdles were jumped as the Dogs worked on their game strategy and viewed opponents on video tape.

As the season unfolded the Bulldogs managed to score a total of 1,773 games and held their opponents to only 1,341 points, which averages 70.92 per game for 25 games that the Dogs scored. The key factor for the undefeated season was the seniors. Leading the Bulldogs was senior Steve Mangum, at 12.8 average points per game or 116 points after 24 games. He also managed to pull 4.0 rebounds in the same amount of games. The next senior leader was James Overstreet. The 6'3" player averaged 10.6 points per game and snatched a total average of 5.7 rebounds per game. Chester Grant also had a good season as he averaged 9.9 points per game and 5.3 rebounds per game. Winfred

McDade follows Chester, closing the season with a 7.6 point average and 3.8 on the boards. Other seniors included: Mike James with a 3.3 average; Tyrone Cooks with 2.2; and Tommy Brown with 2.1 points per game.

Another factor that made the Bulldog team "awesome" was the underclassmen who played to their full potential, and would boost their teammates onward. Billy Nygard, a 6'5" center, averaged 6 points per game and 5.1 rebounds. Sophomore Darrell Ruff, who had a good season last year, averaged 8.8 points per game and had a 2.2 average in the rebounding department.

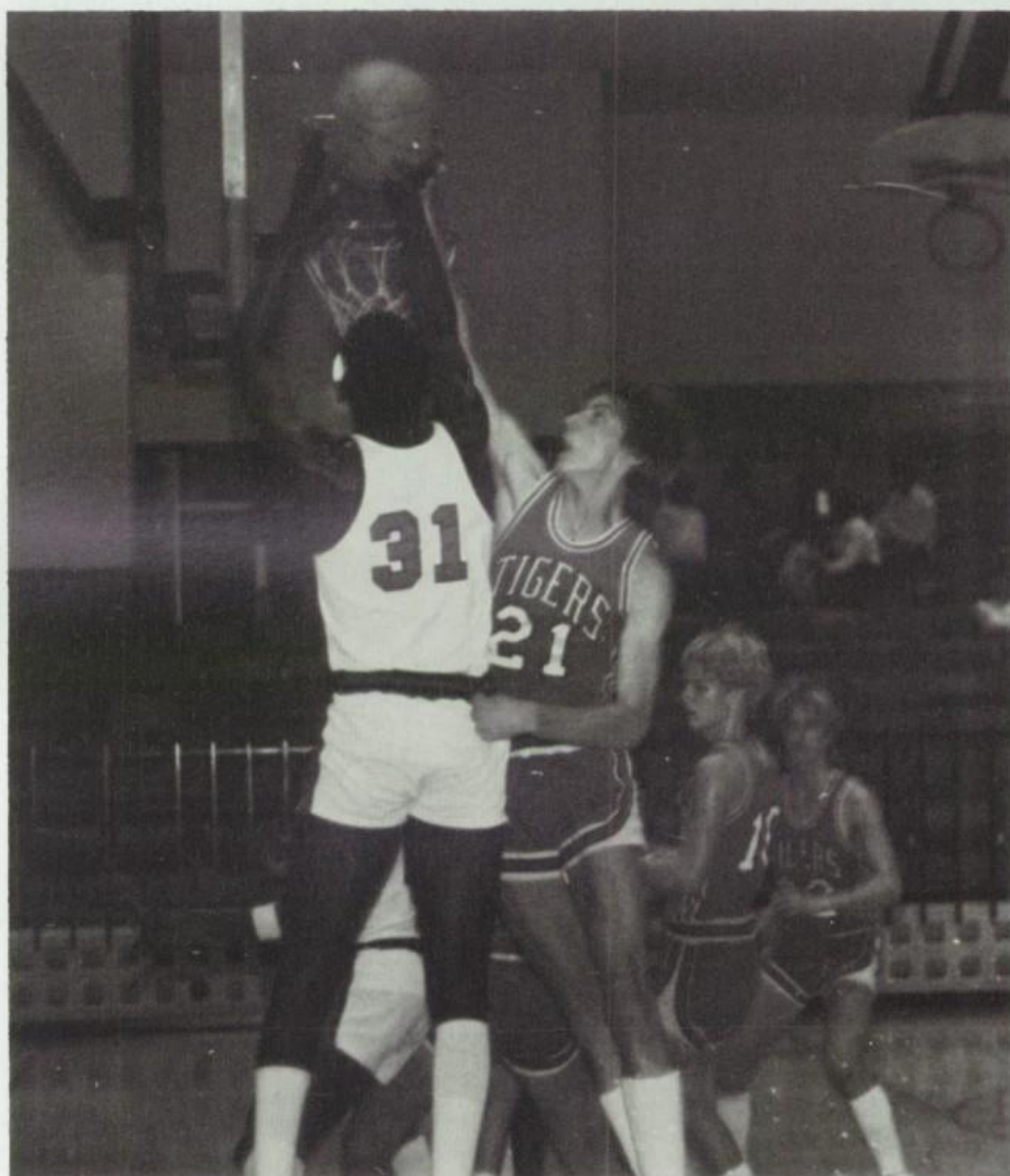
This year's team had eight sophomores and three juniors, which leaves Coach Scott with a fairly young team for next year.

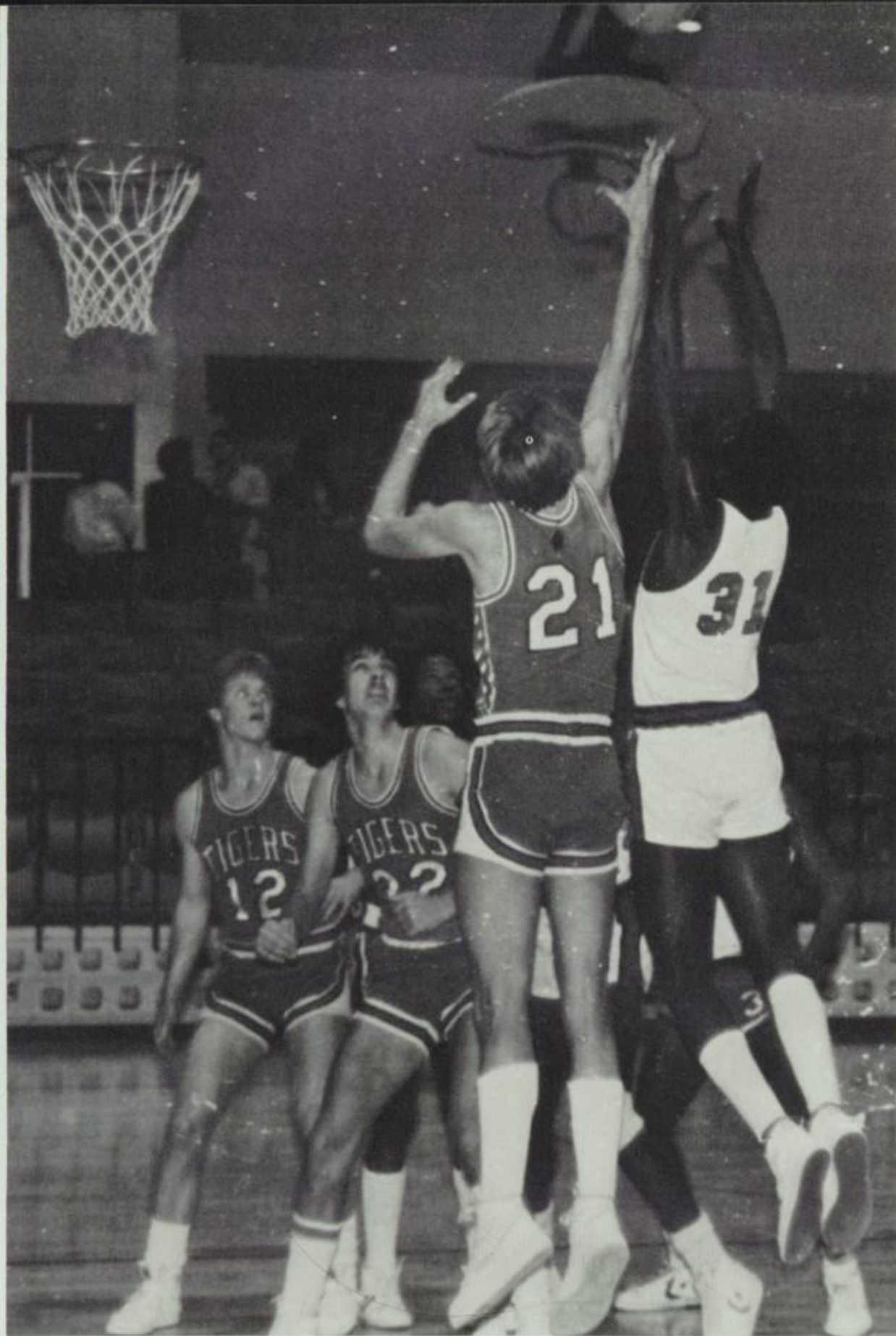
DOGS TAME TIGERS 86-78 in a key basketball game. James Overstreet uses his height to out reach his opponent.

Scoreboard

23 Wins - 2 Losses

Team	Opp.	Dogs
Sand Springs	39	60
Tahlequah	54	71
Beggs	60	81
Sapulpa	48	53
McAlester	33	66
Tahlequah	44	79
Sand Springs	35	72
Bixby	63	79
Wagoner	48	58
Bartlesville	65	77
Broken Arrow	39	56
Beggs	32	83
Tulsa Edison	61	58
Atoka	60	74
Tulsa Washington	80	76
Bartlesville	54	63
Tulsa Kelley	53	78
McAlester	50	51
Tulsa Kelley	66	75
Bartlesville	78	86
Bixby	41	82
Sapulpa	59	62
Tulsa Central	56	82
McAlester	66	89
O. C. Northwest	52	62





TAKING A GIANT LEAP, Rodney Talton tries to outreach a Broken Arrow opponent. Rodney showed great skills throughout the season and will be a good assest next year.

Seniors



Tommy Brown-
The most aggressive player on the squad. A good rebounder and scorer.



Tyrone Cooks-
The most improved guard on the team. He has been a vital asset.



Chester Grant-
He did not play until late but he has turned into an outstanding player.



Mike James- Has the tools to be an outstanding player, he has a good touch on the ball.



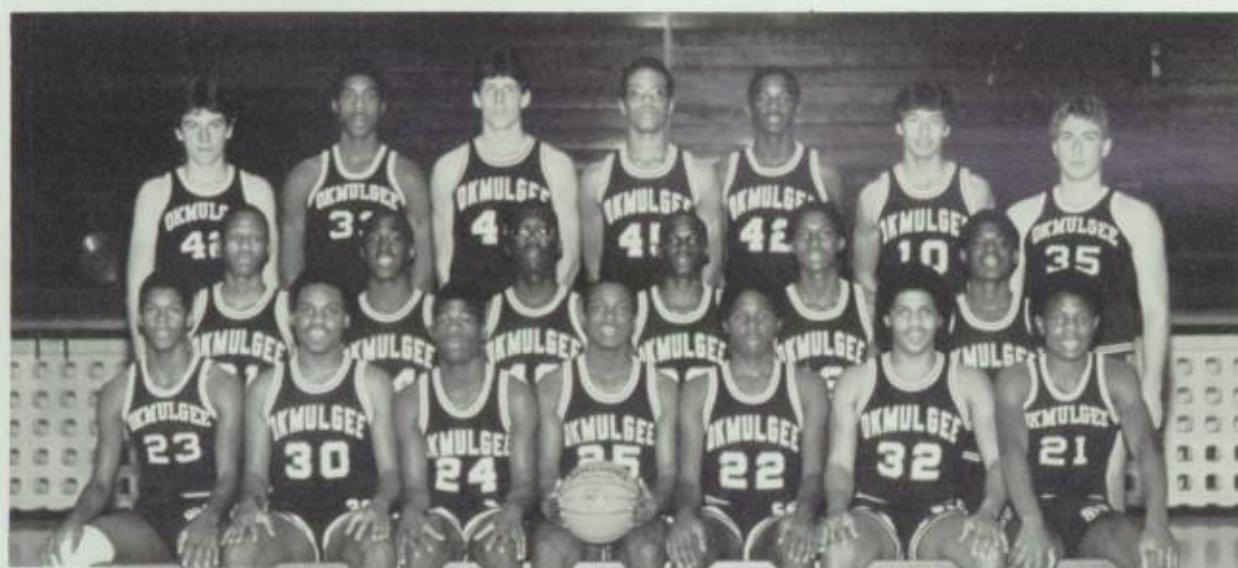
Winfred McDade- Most improved player on the team. Does a good job on both ends of the court.



Steve Mangum-
He has done an outstanding job as a floor leader.



James Overstreet- He has the ability to be one of the top players in the state.



Front Row: 23-Rusty Lewis, 30-Steve Mangum, 24-Tyrone Cooks, 22-Darrell Ruff, 32-Mike James, and 21-Kevin Curry. **Second Row:** 31-Chester Grant, 34-Tommy Brown, 40-James Overstreet, 20-Winfred McDade, and 12-Orlando

Back Row: 42-Rick Hess, 33-Kermit Holmes, 44-Bill Nygard, 45-Leman Lewis, 42-Rodney Talton, 10-Monty Gibson, and 35-Jason Cruce.

Dogs Unsuccessful In Third Attempt

Okmulgee High School basketball came to an abrupt halt on Thursday the 14th day of March as the Bulldogs were defeated by Oklahoma City Star Spencer 51-50.

This made the third year that the Bulldogs have reached the final eight only to be defeated in the first round of the state tournament. Tears streamed and hearts were crushed as the buzzer sounded and the third time was not a charm.

The game began with a fast pace as the Dogs opened the scoring with a 2-0 lead in the first few minutes of play. Their efforts were then hampered as Star Spencer jumped to an 8-2 lead and the Bulldogs were not able to buy a basket. After trailing by at least eight points, the Dogs were able to pull within four at halftime.

Turnovers played a big part in the Bulldog's low scoring game as they handed the ball over several times because of bad passes and an overall loss of concentration.

"It seemed as if the team's unity and clock-

work was overrun by frustration," stated Keven Parker, who made the trip to the City to cheer the Dogs to victory.

Another critical key to the game was the Bobcat's ability to control Okmulgee's offensive rebounds. It was rare all night long to see Okmulgee get a second shot off the boards.

The Dogs were somewhat successful from the charity line as they made 16 of 23 shots and during the fourth period, the Bulldogs sank six of their seven free throws. Nevertheless the shots that will be remembered the most were those taken in the last critical minutes of the game that could have spelled victory for the Dogs. Although it was a team effort, shots like those can make a player a hero or a loser in the eyes of the fans.

Sophomore Kermit Holmes led the Bulldogs with nine points but also missed two free throws in the fourth period and he was only one for four at the line. Junior Billy Nygard missed

the first shot of a one-and-one with only one second left to spell overtime or defeat. Even though Bill missed the shot, the team put themselves in the hole and the game should not have rested on one person's shoulders.

"One of the problems with any state tournament, is kids are inclined to do things that they would not do in a regular season game," stated Coach Carl Scott.

He went on to state that it was rather ironical that the team that won state championship was beaten by Okmulgee in the Area tournament.

Nevertheless, as though it were a sequel, Okmulgee High is guaranteed to return to the state playoff's next year to try once again to clinch the championship spot.

"OKAY MEN WE HAVE TO get our plays down pat!" Head Coach Carl Scott talks to the team during a crucial time-out. The Bulldogs managed to pull within one point of the Bobcats but were not able to surpass the 51-50 score.



Holmes Led JV Dogs

"We have several players with great potential," commented Coach Gary Calip about this year's junior varsity team.

Kermit Holmes, who is a 6'4" sophomore, was the leading scorer for the Bulldogs as he pumped more than 16 points per game in the basket.

"Kermit has the ability to be one of the top players in the state," commented Coach Calip.

He went on to say that Kermit has great leaping ability and able to shoot under pressure.

Following Kermit is Rodney Talton as he averaged more than 11 points per game. He is already proposed to be one of the top guards of the 1985-86 season.

"Rodney has the tools it takes to be a top guard player in the state," said Calip.

Orlander Waller a 6'2" junior has been described as one of the best outside shooter for

KERMIT HOLMES (25) FIGHTS on the board with a Star Spencer opponent. Kermit made some key plays for the varsity team during the state playoffs.

the Bulldogs. The coaches are looking for great performances from this young man during the 85-86 season.

The other top varsity player on the team is Jason Cruce. While Jason only averaged 4.2 points per game, he came in handy in several key situations.

"Jason will be an important part of our squad next year, he will provide some leadership to help the team in pressure situations," said Mr. Calip.

Overall, the junior varsity team did a good job as they made a 9-4 record for the season. With so many senior players graduating, the junior varsity team will have to show true skills in the upcoming season.

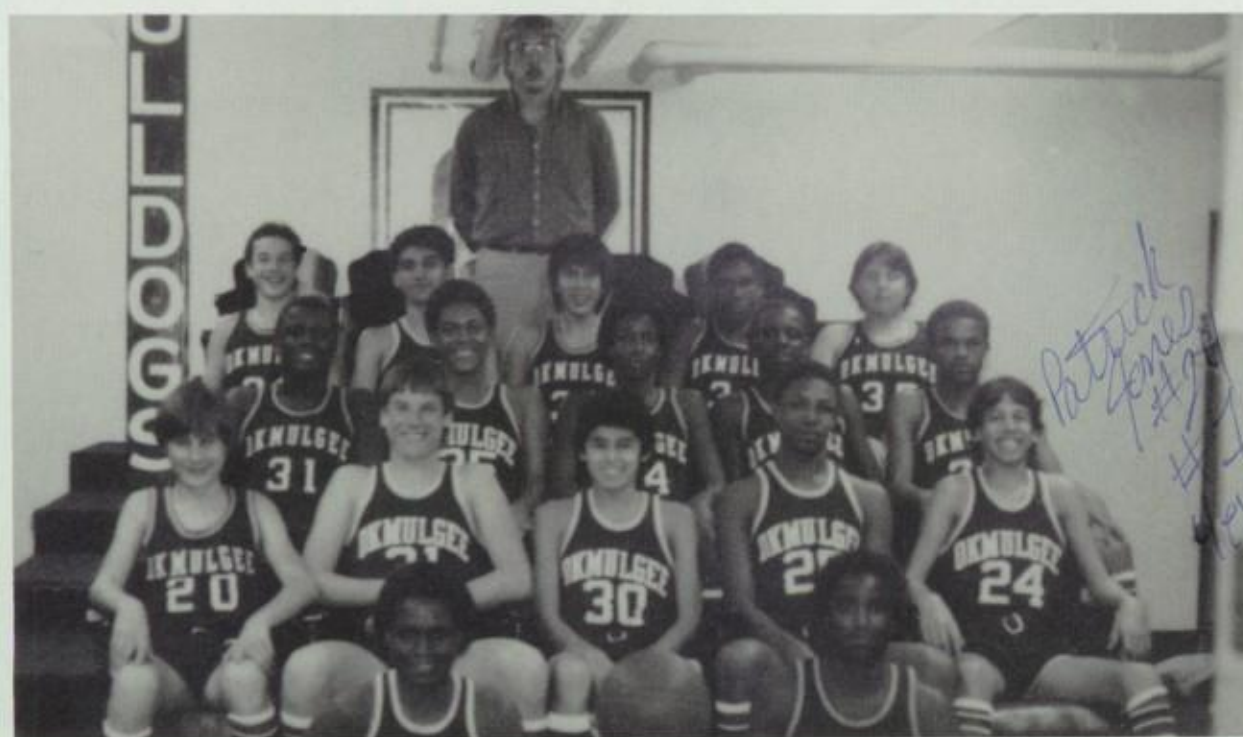
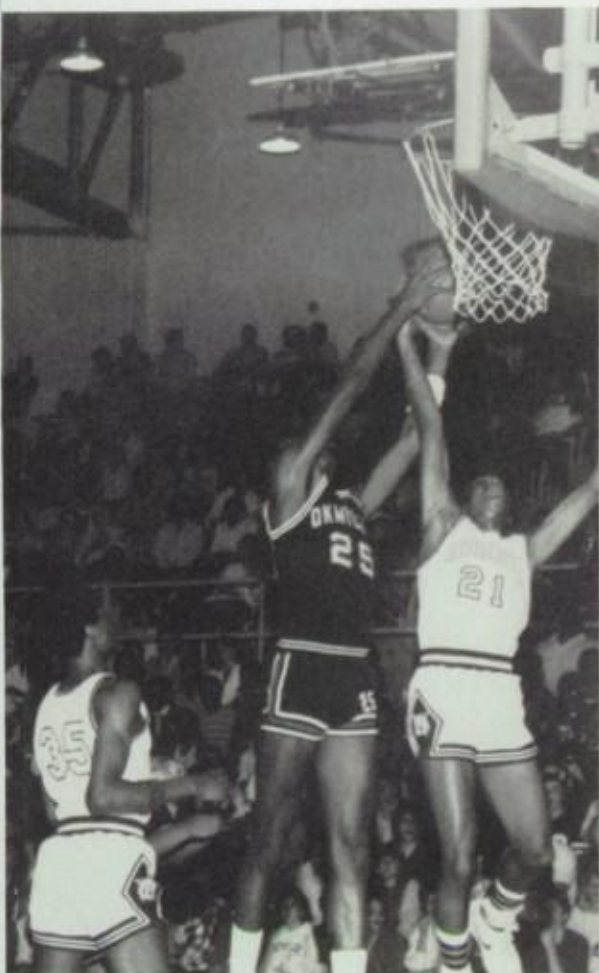
BULLDOGS HAD PROBLEMS overcoming the McAlester team as they lost 49-44. However, the junior varsity team gave them a hard fight. Here, Bill Nygard, Rusty Lewis and Lemont Bryant wait their chance for a rebound.

Scoreboard

9 Wins-4 Losses

Team	Opp.	Dogs
Sand Springs	45	54
Tahlequah	45	57
Sapulpa	46	41
Tahlequah	43	54
Sand Springs	35	39
Boynton	68	49
Bartlesville	57	60
Tulsa Kelly	56	58
McAlester	49	44
Tulsa Kelly	48	53
Bartlesville	55	40
Bixby	31	32
Sapulpa	52	65

Patrick Jones #14
#14
#14



Front Row: Eli Behn, Eric McCary, Brent Todd, Carlisle Mavrey, Mike Berryhill, Jerry Braggs, Patrick Jones, Adam Stallings, Monty Woody, Derrick Leach, Steve Patterson,

Gary Mitchell, Clark Giddings, Eric Abonadi, Travis Tipton, Tim Sims, Cordell Reynold, Coach Gene Walters

Lady Dogs Win Regionals

The Lady Bulldogs started their season with a blast. In the end, despite some losses, the girls won the regional championship, which gave them a berth to the Area and then state playoffs.

Coach Elizabeth Montgomery said, "since January 5, we've played as a team, with more intensity. Those two things combined have helped us to get a winning streak. On the defensive end we have been advancing the ball a great deal better than before Christmas. And the offense also have played a controlled and aggressive game."

The total percentages for ten games seemed to vary from game to game. Heather Nygard averaged 68 percent in free throws and Cynthia

Jacobs averaged 52 percent from the field and 69 percent for free throws.

Junior Tammi Hollier averaged 35% from the field and 51% for free throws. Leading on the rebounding were Angela Hoggans 3.2, Heather Nygard 3.1, Mia Harris 2.8 and Sandra Mack 2.6.

The new assistant coach for the Lady Dogs, Coach William Skimbo said, "we learned that participating is fun but the real thrill is winning, and that is what basketball is all about."

Although the girls' season could have been better, it was still an exciting one as they continued to improve their game plans. The Lady Dog squad played to their potential in order to gain a

spot in the race for the State 4A playoffs.

The Dogs had a lot on the line in February as the final eight tournament that determined the kingpins for the year was hosted.

Perhaps one of the better showings for the Lady Dogs was at the Tulsa Webster Tournament. Here the girls won second by defeating Sand Springs B team and Tulsa Washington. The girls were shooting for first place, however they failed to overcome 5A Sand Springs A team.

The season had its ups and downs but overall, the girls gave it their best.



STICKING WITH HER OPPONENT became an important game plan for the Lady Dogs. Here Cynthia Jacobs "Shooby" keeps pace with Toni Mitchel of Star Spencer.

LADY BULLDOG Mia Harris (22) and her teammate Lisa Fairchild (20) with their fancy footwork are ready for Beggs Demons to make their move.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL- *Front Row:* Sherri Scott, Lolita Brinkly, Yolanda Carter, Lynelle Roberts. *Second Row:* Benita Herron, Lisa Fairchild, Angie Clements, Tammy Grammer, Cynthia Jacobs. *Back Row:* Coach Beth Montgomery, Sandra Mack, Mia Harris, Heather Nygard, Tammi Hollier, Tracy Williams, Angela Hoggans, Coach William Skimbo.





HEATHER NYGARD SHOOTs from her favorite position against the Beggs Demons. Occasionally, her shot pattern was stopped by a referee calling for walking with the ball.

Seniors



Lisa Fairchild-
"The Scrappy One" small bundle of energy."



Mia Harris-"She was an intimidating force on the floor."



Angela Hogans-"Was a valuable asset as a guard averaging 3.5 rebounds per game."



Cynthia Jacobs-"Cynthia has been our play maker for the past two years."



Sandra Mack-"The Quiet Leader. Sandra has been a steady performer throughout her high school career."



Heather Nygard-"An extremely dedicated young lady in sports."



THIS BALL BELONGS TO ME! Sandra Mack struggles with a Beggs player trying to regain the ball for the Bulldogs. Sandra was known as a quiet leader for the Lady Dogs.

Determination Leads Lady Dogs To State

The girl's basketball team made their final game of the year the first round of the state playoffs. Sure determination and effort were the two factors that lead them to this game.

McAlester Buffaloes were defeated by the Lady Dogs 56-43 in the first round of the regional tournament but the Dogs did not expect the team to receive the Regional Championship plaque.

They did this by defeating the Durant Lions, 68-64. This game showed Okmulgee putting a "teamwork" effort together that would prove unstoppable.

The Okmulgee defense worked hard bringing the ball up the court and giving it to the forwards. They also managed to pull down key rebounds in the fourth quarter. Angela Hoggans led in rebounding with six, followed by Mia Harris with four and Sandra Mack with two rebounds and a steal that was crucial for the Okmulgee victory.

Heather Nygard did an outstanding job burning the nets for 43 points, three rebounds

and two assists. Cynthia Jacobs followed with 19 points, four rebounds and nine assists. Tammie Hollier scored six points and had three assists.

In the area tournament, the girls were faced with the task of playing the Sallisaw Blackdiamonds. If the Lady Dogs could win this game it would mean an automatic trip to the state tournament. As it came out, the Lady Bulldogs lost to them by a 42-34 score. Because of the loss, the Lady Dogs had to play Oklahoma City Southeast High School.

In this nailbiting game, the Lady Dogs had to play explosive offense and dynamite defense. The game went into overtime, but with a few seconds left, Cynthia Jacobs sunk a free throw that spelled a 56-55 victory for the Lady Bulldogs.

The crowd played a major factor in this game as they showed their enthusiasm throughout the entire game. As a result, the Lady Dogs were packing their luggage heading for the state tournament. This was a unique opportunity as the Bulldogs were only one of two teams in the state to have both the boy's and girl's team in the quarter-finals of the state tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs first and last round was against the Star Spencer Bobcats. The Bobcats

poured on their offense and made the Lady Dogs look at a 63-42 final score.

Coach Beth Montgomery commented, "It was a great season and we can contribute that to the group of seniors and I hope that they have laid ground work for the success of girl's basketball at OHS."

Although the girls started the season and closed the season losing, their efforts were not in vain, as they were able to accomplish major game plans and come very close to beating several opponents.

"I am sad that we didn't go any further than we did at state, but I have grown greatly with experience in both leadership and attitude," stated Cynthia Jacob.

"It was an up and down year with the high point being the state tournament and the low point being losing close games. Nevertheless, this has been a most rewarding year, and I have enjoyed working with the group of girls that we had," said Coach William Skimbo.

One could only hope for next year, as the underclassmen will have to show their experience and knowledge that they have gained. Maybe next year will be a repeat of the two teams at state playoffs, only this time both come home as state champions.

COACH WILLIAM SKIMBO GIVES important note to the Lady Dogs during the Star Spencer game. For some reason, the Dogs were not able to stop the Lady Bobcats as the Star Spencer team won 63-42.



Scoreboard

15 Wins - 11 Losses

Team	Opp.	Dogs
Sand Springs	45	43 4 OT's
Tahlequah	48	62
Beggs	45	59
Sapulpa	60	46
McAlester	34	53
Tahlequah	61	39
Sand Springs	68	41
Bixby	55	39
Tulsa Hale	36	35
Tahlequah	35	41
Tulsa Rogers	41	48
Beggs	56	71
Sand Springs "B"	43	57
Tulsa Washington	39	47
Sand Springs	51	31
Bartlesville	50	40
Tulsa Kelley	49	57
Bartlesville	65	44
Bixby	57	54
Sapulpa	51	54
McAlester	41	54
Durant	64	68
Sallisaw	42	34
OC Southeast	55	56



TRACI BARNETT TRIED her hardest to block a shot hoping to return the ball to the offense.

Getting It Together

The Okmulgee Lady Pups started out good this year with a record of 11-2 early in the season. Leading the offense were Taria Weaver scoring 21 points per game. Rhonda Dutton with 11 points per game and Janene Taylor scoring nine points per game. Also doing a good job on offense were Carla Gardner with four points, Rhonda Unruh with four points, Karen Morgan with 15 points and Daria Weaver with nine

points.

The Lady Pups averaged 43 points per game while giving up 32 points per game on defense.

"Our defense this year has worked harder than ever and I'm very proud of the way our season has turned out," stated Coach Colombin.

With one game left in the season the Lady Pups were 15-3 and hoped to end their season with a win.

"I never knew that playing basketball could be so much fun. Its a lot of hard work but I love it," stated Rhonda Dutton one of the Lady Pups offense starters.

Starting forwards for J.V. were junior Yolanda Carter averaging eight points per game, junior Lolita Brinkly averaging nine points per game, sophomore Angie Clements averaging nine points per game, sophomore Traci Williams averaging two points per game, junior Lynelle Roberts averaging two points per game and freshman Ronda Dutton averaging three points per game.

Long hard hours of practice and strict curfews combined to help both the J.V. and freshmen teams to improve on their team work and over all game. This season was just a glimpse of what one will see in the 85-86 season. So come on out and watch the team get it together . .



FRESHMAN GIRLS FROM left to right. First row: Rhonda Dutton, Janene Taylor, Terri Herron, Buffy Daniels, Karen Morgan. Second row: Carla Gardner, Daria Weaver, Monica Bird, Tonya Grant, Taria Grisp. Third row: Taria Weaver, Marsha Motten, Shanon Whomble, Rhonda Unruh, Tina Asberry. Fourth row: Draci Taylor, Vicki Keesee, Kawn Perkins, Bridgette Swallow, and Coach Colombin.

USING AN ARM LOCK hold, Anthony McHenry holds his opponent to gain more points for the Bulldogs.

Scoreboard

VICKI, 5/23/85.
 HERE WE ARE GIRL
 FACING THE FAST LAKES
 OF SUMMER. YOU'RE A
 VERY WONDERFUL FRIEND
 AND A TERRIFIC PER-
 SON. SORE I'M GLAD
 WE'VE GOTTEN CLOSER
 STAY COOL
 R"88" TEZ
 P.S. HAVE A WILD
 SUMMER. KEEP IN
 TOUCH AND
 WE'LL SEE U
 NEXT YEAR
 ☺



Wrestlers Take Pride

Long Hours Of Training Paid Off As They Made The Wrestling Scene The Best It Could Be.

Long and grueling hours of training are only a part of what makes a good wrestler. Okmulgee wrestlers take pride in themselves to the unbelievable extent they push their bodies, hoping that conditioning and mental stamina will pay off in a meet or tournament.

They work on training their mind as well as their body to overcome pain and exhaustion. This all paid off for them early in the season as the oneng team ranked number five in class 3-A.

Senior Robert Wilson had a nice season with ten falls, a record of 13-2 and he made eighty-two team points.

Tim Thompson, three year starter had eleven falls, a record of 13-2, and a total of seventy-nine team points.

Brian Rogers had seven falls, a record of 10-4-1, and scored a total of fifty-seven team points.

First year starter Kenneth Sanders had four falls, a record of 10-4-1, and forty-five team points.

Sophomore Brian Howard had five falls, a record of 6-8 and scored thirty-six team points.

Chris McCary returned to wrestling with four falls, a 7-7 record and scored thirty-five team points.

Senior Brian Williams had two falls, a record of 10-8, and scored thirty-four team points.

Anthony McHenry had two falls, a record of 7-8 and scored thirty-one team points.

Junior Donald Warnock had two falls, a record of 5-5, and scored twenty-six team points.

Steve Titsworth worked hard with two falls, a record of 5-10, and scored twenty-five team points.

Brett Purvine, first year starter, had two falls, a record of 3-7 and fifteen team points.

Late starter Ray Crook joined the team and helped with one fall, a record of 2-0, and twelve team points.

Heavy-weights Lance Sands and Kenny Mann both had one fall. Lance had a record of 4-6 and scored sixteen team points. Kenny had a 2-3 record and scored nine total team points. All above stats were taken early in the season.

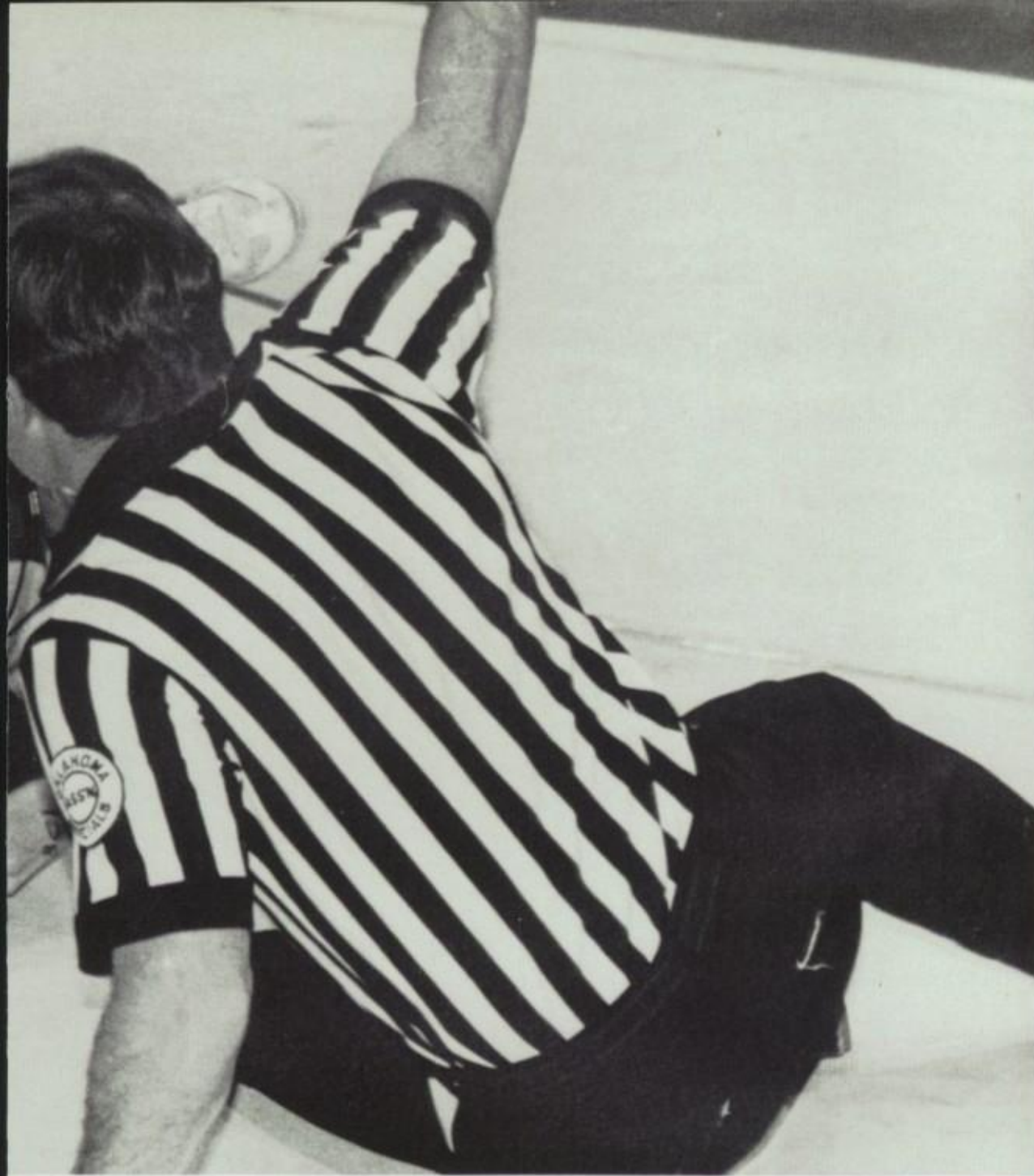
"We have won some big duals this season as we snapped Poteau's twenty-five match winning streak with a 39-22 victory. We beat Tulsa Webster and Muskogee for the first time ever in wrestling by 35-26 and 34-26 scores respectively. Hopefully, by the end of the season we can be a factor in the regional and state tournaments," stated Coach Hill.

With the exception of a few spectacular sen-

ior wrestlers, the team was surprisingly young this year. That didn't slow them down as they plowed through the season tearing up their opponents. Seniors Brian Williams, Ray Crook, Brian Rogers, Tim Thompson, and Kenneth Sanders led the team as they ranked number five in class 3-A, early in the season. Okmulgee wrestling fans saw an excellent season and are anxiously awaiting next year, which promises to be just as exciting. Eleven wrestlers will be returning next year, with five seniors leading the team, Chris McCary, Robert Wilson, Donald Warnock, Steve Titsworth and Tyrone McGriff. Others returning to the team are Brian Howard, Anthony McHenry, Lance Sands, Brett Purvine and Kenny Mann along with the new freshmen wrestlers. "I have enjoyed wrestling this past year, but I'm really looking forward to next year," stated Donald Warnock.

Wrestling is a very demanding sport, physically one has to be in good condition, while mentally he has to be in complete control of his body and one has to be aware of what is going on around him.

Next year promises to be a great year for our Okmulgee High wrestlers as they have indeed made the scene.



Seniors



BRIAN ROGERS-"Brian is the most improved wrestlers we have on the team. His greatest asset is his mental toughness."



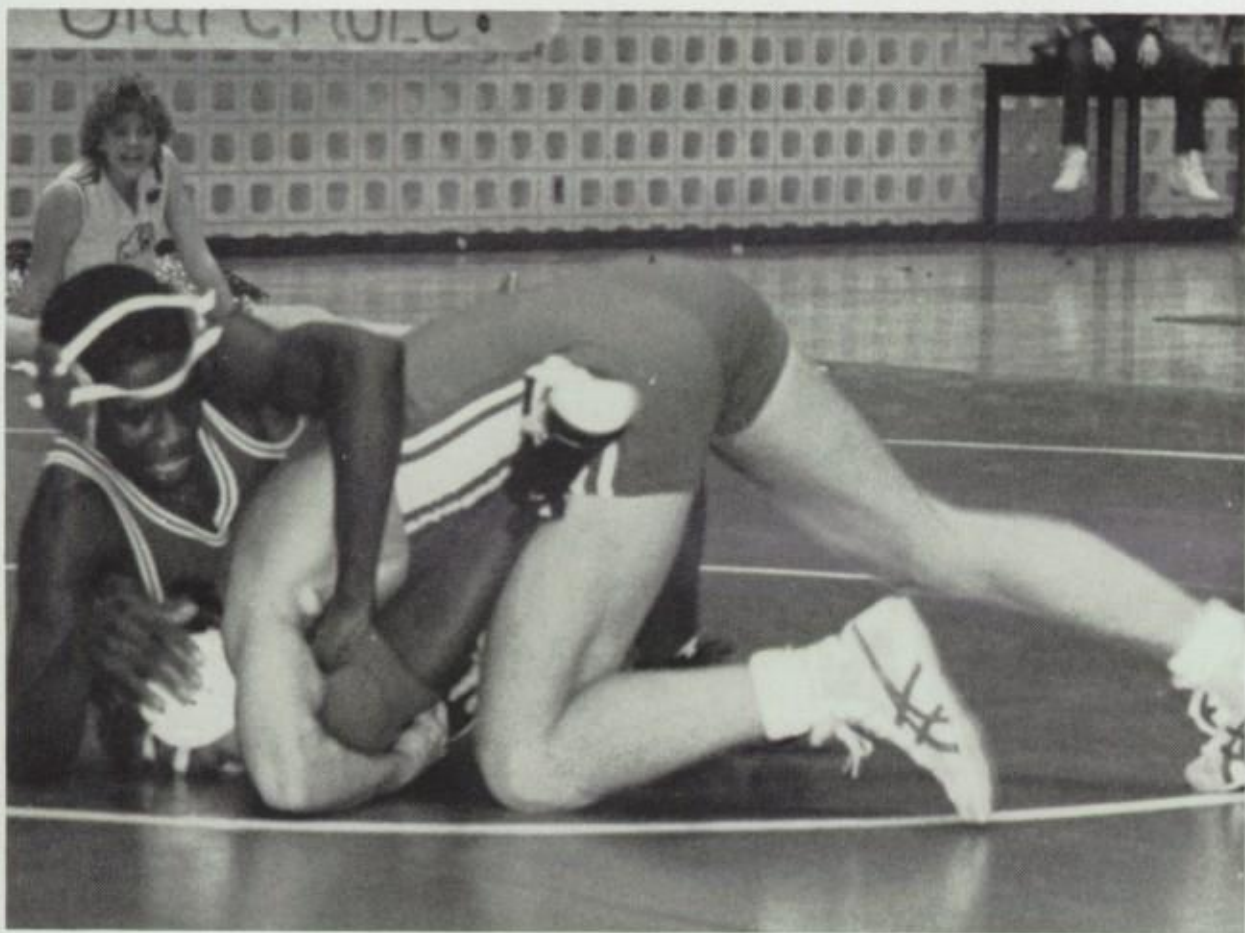
TIM THOMPSON-"He won the Bristow tournament this year and has great leadership qualities to go with his wrestling abilities."



KENNETH SANDERS-"Kenneth moved to Okmulgee from McLain High School and he has filled a big gap in the Okmulgee 1 line-up."

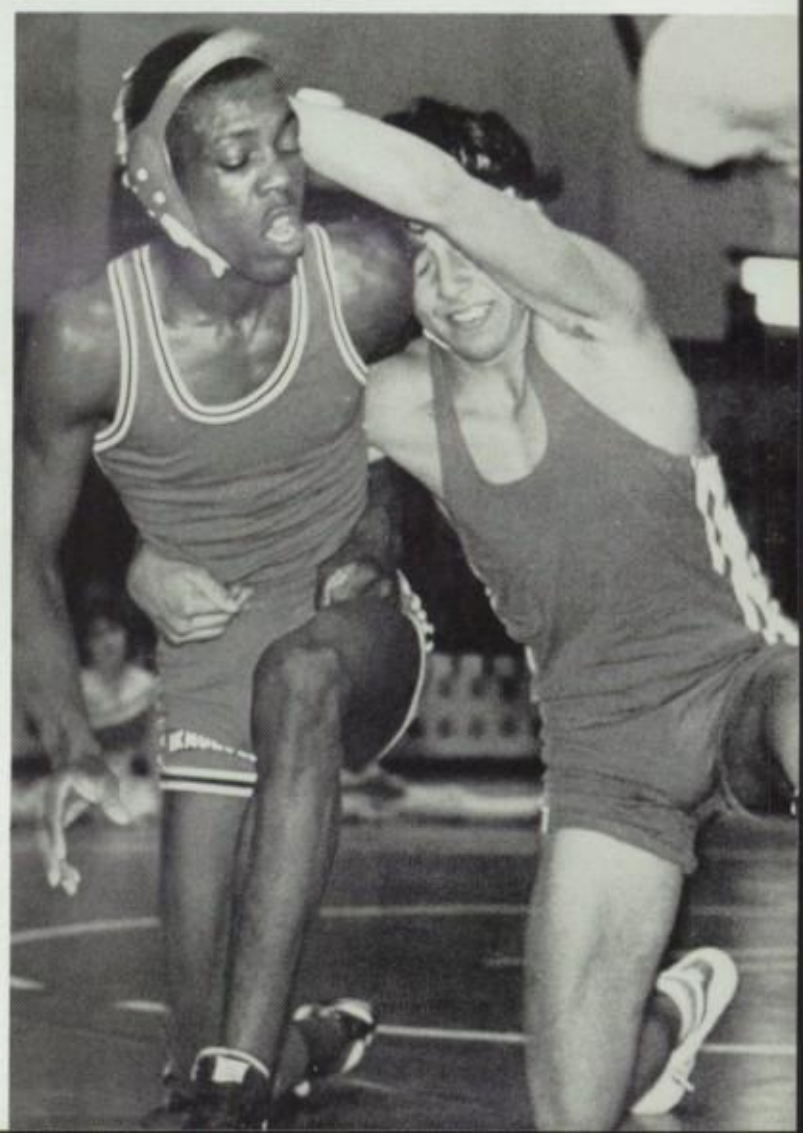


BRIAN WILLIAMS-"Brian is one of the most inspirational wrestlers we have on the team."



WORKING HIS WAY out of a difficult hold is senior wrestler Brian Williams.

BRIAN ROGERS- He is one of the hardest working members of our team.



From Bike Riding To Fishing . . .

. . . Other People Play Other Sports

At OHS, like most other schools, football, basketball, and baseball are the main sports. But these are not the only sports students found time to participate in. Weightlifting is not thought of as fun, but it is a sport, a very important one at that. Weightlifting is a very strenuous activity, but it is required for most athletes to excel to their maximum potential.

"I think lifting weights is very important in order to be in the best shape possible for football," stated Scott Allen.

Two of the most popular sports among OHS students and teachers were hunting and fishing. On the weekends many young men could be seen heading for the lakes and woods to either hunt or fish.

"I like the feeling when I'm off hunting somewhere. I think it is relaxing and exciting," stated sophomore Scott Pitchford.

"I like all the other sports but I also like a nice quiet sport like fishing," committed Greg Adolph.

The last two sports named have been mostly for guys. But here is one for both guys, girls, and teachers, biking. Biking is looked at very differently by students and teachers. Some students at OHS race their bikes in BMX competition.

"I race bikes because I think it is fun and I love the competition," said Frank Skupien.

"I like racing my BMX bike because it gets my mind off of things," commented James Wynn.

"While some teachers here at OHS enjoy a nice ride around the block, I feel that bikeriding is fun and good exercise," stated Mr. Craig Brydges.

Mr. Dwayne Long, the journalism teacher, said he enjoys riding a double seated bicycle with his wife at Riverside Park in Tulsa.

Some students enjoy going bowling on the weekends at Beeline Bowl in Okmulgee.

"I like to bowl because it lets me get rid of my anger," said Zachery Torbett. Bowling helps relieve tension and is good for the upper arm and wrist.

The students and staff of Okmulgee High School find many other sports besides school related ones to spend their spare time, these are just a few.

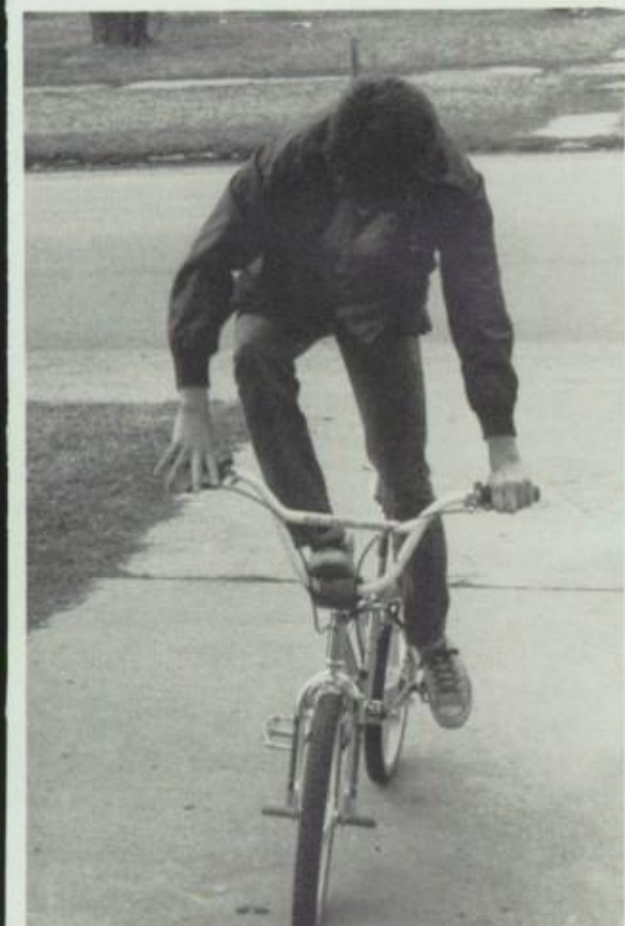
BIKE RIDING IS AN increasingly popular exercise and sport. Rocky Baker spent close to \$800 on this special design BMX bicycle.

ALTHOUGH NOT CONSIDERED as a sport, walking is a unique exercise that relaxes muscles and reduces calories. Mr. William Walker was often seen walking around the track field.





FISHERMAN'S DREAM IS fulfilled by Mr. William Skimbo with his four foot 30 pound flathead catfish.



DON'T TRY THIS TRICK! Rocky Baker does the impossible with his BMX bicycle.

TRYING TO GET FOOD for dinner, Donald Warnock spots a squirrel and prepares to shoot. Hunting is just one of the many sports enjoyed by students and teachers at OHS.



TWO OF OUR SPANISH club students, Robbie Shaun and Stacey Jones, dressed in their Mexican clothing, to help out at the Cinco de Mayo.



MR. M.L. HAYES, driver's examiner, gives the eye examination to one of Okmulgee High School's students in order to give them their driver's permit.



THE OKMULGEE LION'S Club proves in many ways to be very helpful to the citizens of Okmulgee. One way is the selling of concessions at games.



MR. HERSHEL SLOAN and his student, Brian Rogers, are perplexed at a particular problem involving Brian's woodworking project.



DURING A PEP ASSEMBLY, James Alexander makes sure the band stays on beat while playing the Bulldog "fight song". The band helps to promote school spirit.

Academics/Clubs



SOME OF MR. RAMER'S students: Charlie Corn, Shiela Bell, Paula McNac, Sharahn Thompson, Donna Gislason and Laura Bloom seemed determined as they work on their new sketches.



Education: the basic prop students will use in the scenes of their lives. "What will you do when you graduate?" was a question that always got a unique answer. Okmulgee High School students were encouraged to plan for the future whether they planned to join the armed forces, go to college, or straight into the job market.

Vocational courses prepared students for jobs or for further technical training. A student enrolled in vocational agriculture or another agricultural course may work on a farm or study a related area in college. Home economics students are prepared for a variety of careers in the area, as well as applying their knowledge in the home. Those enrolled in wood working and carpentry learn to build everything from cedar chests to houses. Printing classes get practice on many school publications including the newspaper, play programs, the art and literary magazine and parts of the yearbook. Directly over the print shop is the drafting room, where students prepare for careers such as architecture and design. Artists were able to show off their talents in art classes, as well as learning valuable skills.

Business courses are always popular, and this year was no exception. Almost every student was enrolled in at least one of the many options offered. Typing, shorthand, computer literacy, office practice, general business and business law were a few of the many useful courses. Computer literacy is becoming especially needed, as it is projected that soon 75% of all jobs will require the use of a computer.

Oklahoma State Tech, located in Okmulgee, is one of the best technical institutions in the nation. The school provided many seniors with a chance to earn college credits while still attending high school, and will provide the opportunity for higher career education for many graduates.

Math, science, English and social studies were required for everyone, but the college-bound enrolled in the more advanced classes in these department. Advanced biology, physics, trigonometry, calculus and creative writing were just a few of the more challenging ways to spend an hour of the school day. Emphasis was

also placed on foreign languages like Spanish and French for those who planned to further their education in traditional universities. For the few who particularly excelled, the Gifted and Talented program offered ways of enriching the creative intellect.

Student organizations were very active during the year. Student Council and the newly formed Student Senate planned many activities, including dances and homecoming spirit week. Student Council class officers also organized various fundraisers for their individual classes. The National Honor Society, while declining in membership, excelled in school and community participation. They originated the mock presidential election and performed various community services.

Cheerleaders not only cheered the Bulldogs on to victory, but also involved themselves in student services like the sale and delivery of homecoming carnations and Valentine's greetings. "Decorators" also promoted school spirit by hanging signs and white toilet paper "streamers" at the homes of football players during the long nights before the games. Journalism students interviewed, researched, wrote and rewrote in order to meet the ever-present yearbook and newspaper deadlines.

School entertainment was provided in many ways. Speech and drama classes performed and produced school plays, as well as winning prestige for Okmulgee while competing in various contests where individual events were judged. Those enrolled vocal music classes, especially the Keynotes, provided music for Okmulgee's children from kindergarten age through middle school. They also performed at churches and club meetings throughout the year. "The Big Red Music Machine" better known as the Bulldog band also concerts for the community, in addition to their displays at the football games. Both the Keynotes and the band members competed in individual and group contests similar to those of the "speechies."

Almost every group or club competed in a contest of some sort, and Okmulgee once again won honors, to help our school make the scene.

Making The Scene

Fruit Keeps Farmers Busy

From Turnips To Grapefruits, FFA Keeps Busy In Selling Fruit And Vegetables.

One of the classes that has been offered at Okmulgee High for many years is FFA (Future Farmers of America). They spend time learning how to prepare animals for different contests.

This year at Okmulgee County Fair John McGuire placed first with his simmental heffer and Michelle Brumfield took Grand Champion with her lamb. Shawn Powers showed his spotted hog while Dane Couch took sixth place with his Hampshire hog and Ken Bouy took seventh place with his Gilt hog. Reginald Emerson and David Frederick have also placed in the top five at the county fair livestock judging contest.

"We worked really hard for this contest but it was fun," stated Michelle Brumfield.

FFA not only works during the

school year but performs other activities all summer long.

This past summer some of the FFA students along with Mr. Bearden took a trip to Kansas City to see the American Royal, which is a big show of animals. They stayed six days and five nights.

"I really enjoyed it, and I hope to go back next year," said Shawn Powers.

Being able to take trips costs money and one of the ways this year FFA group earned it was through the many sales they sponsored. The week of December 16, the FFA members set up a fruit stand on Wood Drive in Okmulgee and was open until December 21. The fruits they sold had been shipped from Florida. They sold oranges, grapefruit, apples, and tangeloes. Altogether over 20,000

pounds of fruits were shipped for this event.

"The fruit sold very well, I was proud that we did such a good job," stated Dane Couch.

Later the FFA students also sold sausage and turnips. These proved to be a very good item and sold very well.

In FFA they not only learn about animals, as most people think when they hear the name FFA. They do alot of other fun and exciting things. The students learn how to develop leadership and also learn the values of co-operation. They also get to meet new people and learn how to secure loans when needed. Also, FFA members learn how to accept a profit or loss on an enterprise, but the main purpose of FFA is the development of rural agriculture, leadership and

citizenship. These are all very important qualities that help build a better future.

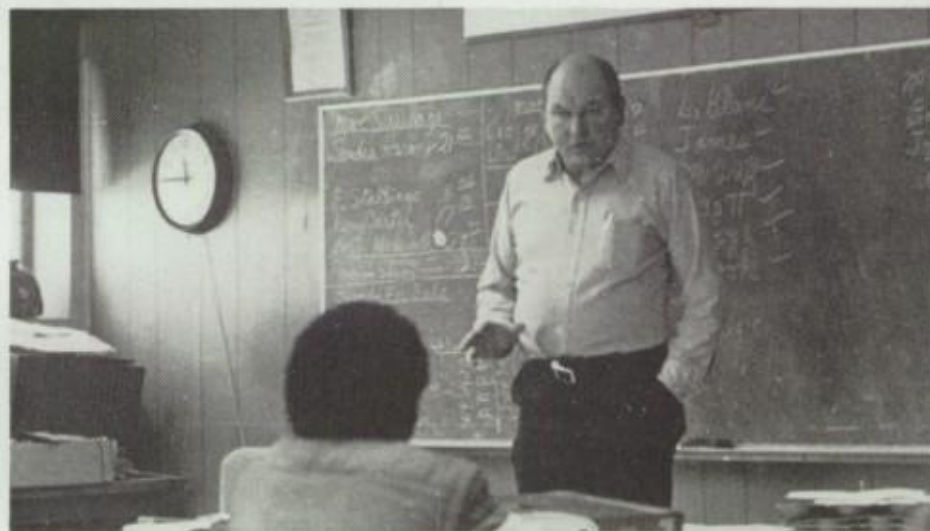
This is how we get the name of Future Farmers of America. The purposes of this program is to introduce the advantages and disadvantages of farming. Thus, this is teaching them for the future. All of the one hundred and ten members are taught these values to better improve their understanding of the farmers in the future. Through their sales and other hard working projects, the FFA members always make the scene.

EVERYDAY DAVID BROWN takes a little time out of his schedule to feed his horse.

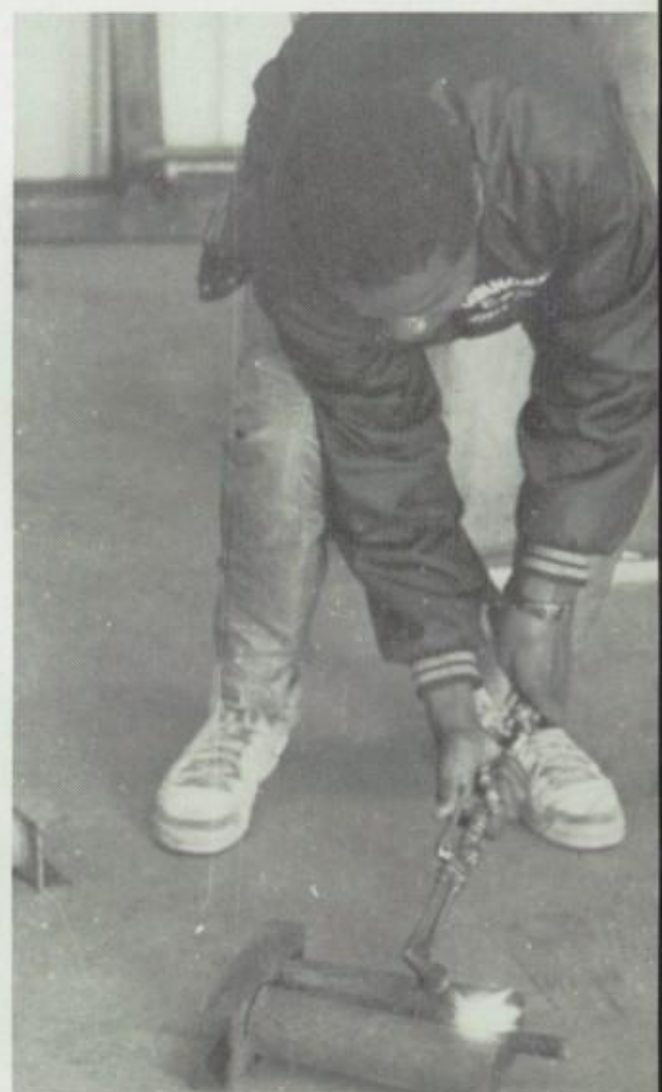
MR. BEARDEN SHOWS to some of his FFA students the techniques of picking out the freshest fruit for the best quality.



WEEDING OUT THE BAD fruit for the upcoming fruit sale are Mr. Bearden and Clifford Hammond. The fruit sale was unique in that students sold fruit at the corner of Box Street and Highway 75 for 24 hours.



STUDENTS LISTEN WHILE Mr. Bearden, FFA teacher, explains the different aspects of FFA and the different opportunities it gives.



MR. BEARDEN SHOWS his FFA students how to better prepare turnips before being sold and helps show them the proper care that should be taken for the turnips.

REGINALD EMERSON SPOT welds on a project he was assigned for his VOAG class at Okmulgee High.

Home Ec. Is "Sew" Yummy

Often, the students and teachers of OHS were tormented by the delectable smells that flew from the home economics classroom. Cakes, pies, and delicious dinners are just a few of the tempting dishes that students have conjured up.

Rochelle Wilson explained, "The best thing about cooking is that we get to eat afterwards!"

The Home Economics area had a new face. The introduction of mini courses, in both the cooking and the sewing sections, drew many interested students. Sections include sewing, housing, childcare, and food preparation. Home Economics classes acquainted students with facts and ideas helpful in future years.

The food preparation classes prepared meals according to nutritional value and economical prices.

In the sewing lab students learn to cut patterns and make their own patterns.

They learned color coordination while matching different materials

for their garments.

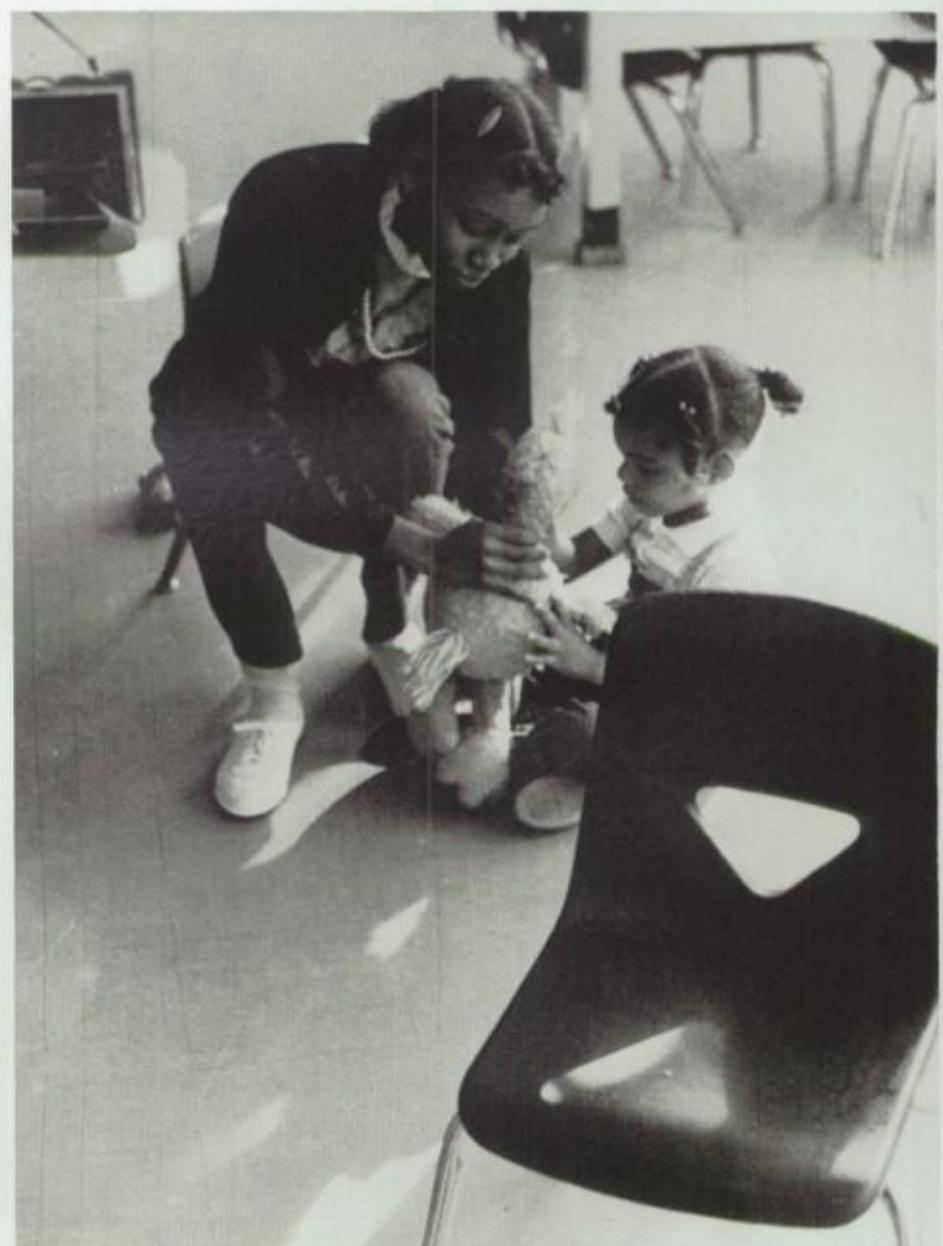
In child care and housing classes, young men as well as young ladies applied themselves in learning how to survive on their own, and experience basic fundamentals such as recognizing a good materials purchase.

Several students have been involved in home economics, and commented that it helps one to prepare for the future in different areas such as child care. This course is especially good for males in that more families have both parents working and thus the two must share in the caring for the children.

CVET (correlated vocational educational training) classes visited places such as Day Care Center and Nursing Homes. The students learned how to cook and sew as well as take care of children. The students of today must care about life, and the students involved in the CVET classes know that giving and sharing with others is really a lot of fun.

CVET STUDENTS HAD the unique opportunity to work with children at the Head Start.

ACTING A LITTLE SHY Shanna Kaye, Rochelle Wilson, and Sherry Drew prepare to dig into their carefully planned meal.



COLETTE WARES COMFORTS a student with a Strawberry Shortcake doll.



NEEDING HELP WITH her work, Sandra Mack asks Mrs. Scott for help on the assignment.

THE FOURTH HOUR Home Ec. class prepared a buffet dinner for the students.

Youths Prepare For The Future

The Future Homemakers of America is one of the two activities related to Home Economics. Several students attend the Home Ec. classes offered every year. Dealing with the future is one of the objectives of FHA. The purpose of FHA is to help today's youth assume their roles in society through home economic education. Students learn in many different areas, for example, they study a unit on personal growth and community development.

In October the future homemakers decorated a car in the Homecoming Parade with FHA

officers aboard.

The FHA sponsor Mrs. Thomas, who also teaches Home Economics, encouraged her class to donate money and food items to various organizations such as the Heart Fund and the March of Dimes.

The first club activity of the year was the Back-to-School Pizza Party in the early fall. They also attended the FHA Sub-District Election of officers in Henryetta. FHA climaxed their year with a trip to Oklahoma City for the Future Homemakers of America convention in March.

Officers for the FHA school

were as follows: Valarie Burke, president; Kim Trulove, vice-president; Lorraine Thompson, secretary; Yvonne Bevenue, treasurer; Sharahn Thompson, reporter, historian.

HERO has its differences from FHA but they help the needy in the same way. HERO participates in many fund raising activities. They have been helping the March of Dimes, O.K. School and American Heart Association.

If they are not able to donate money, they go from door to door trying to get the community to help out.

HERO President Shawn Powdrill said, "It's worth giving the money, it makes you feel good to help someone else."

HERO class is more in relation to training in occupation in the area of home economics. LaDana Huffman advises any student to enroll in the HERO class. She said, "It shows you how to apply for a job, fill our applications, and write resumes."

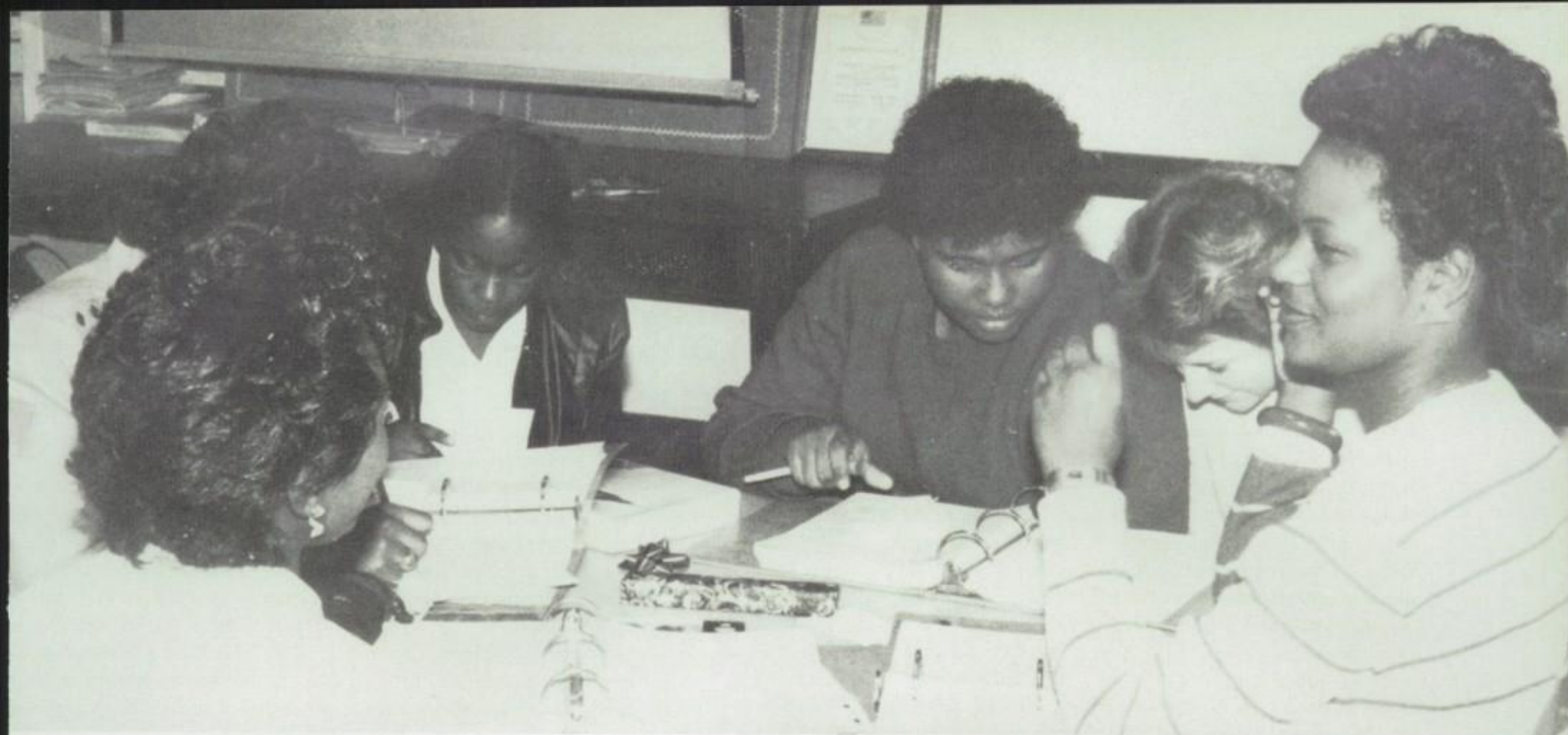
The HERO officers for the year are Shawn Podrill; president, Jackie Banks; Ann Parker; vice-president; Mia Harris; secretary, Patty Reed; reporter.



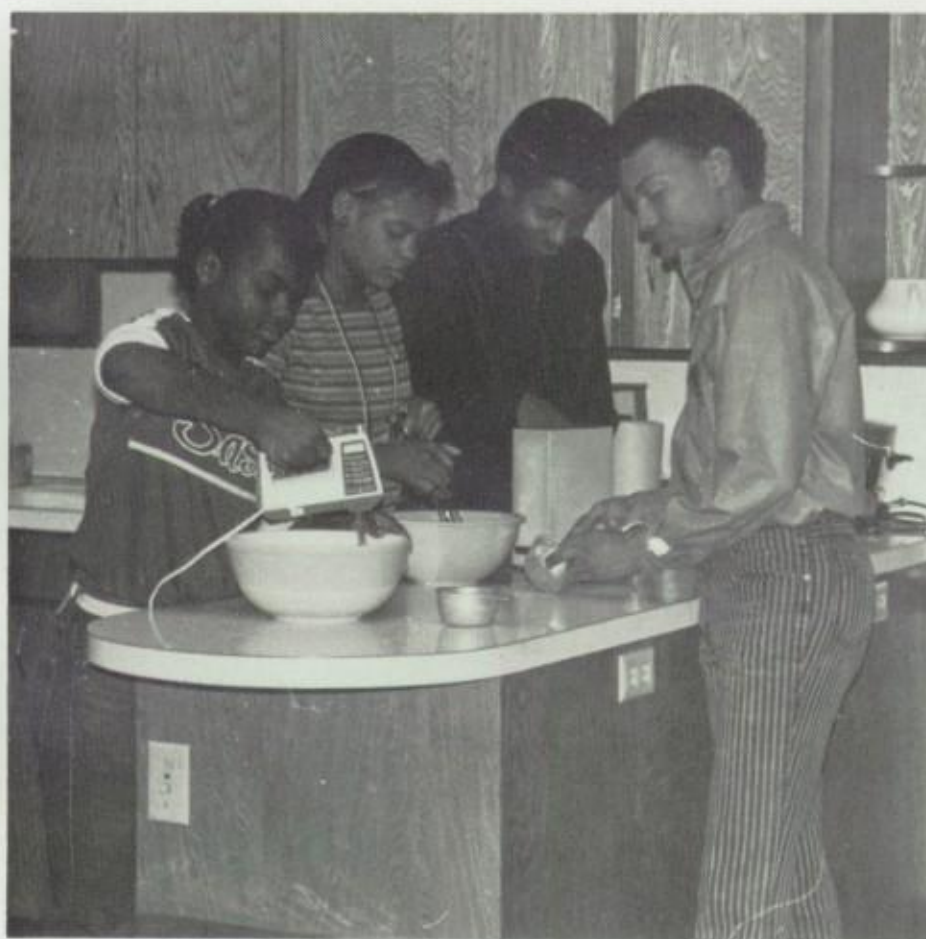
SHAWN POWDRILL, MIA Harris, and Ann Parker discuss their assignment in Hero class.

HERO OFFICERS: LaDana Huffman, Patty Reed, Mia Harris, Shawn Powdrill, Ann Parker, and Jackie Banks.





SHERRY SCOTT REMOVES her dish from the oven after she checks to see if it is done.



LASHAWN POWDRILL, PATTY Reed, LaDana Huffman, Jackie Banks, Ann Parker, and Mia Harris attempt to study for an assignment.

TELA HAMMON WORKS with the day care as a project in her CVET class.

SHERRY SCOTT, TERRIE Herron, Ernest Rice, Carlton Pierce prepare a treat for their class.

Learning And Earning

Students Learn Valuable Job Skills To Help Them Earn Valuable Job Salaries.

Getting to school at 8:20 each morning causes problems for many students but there is another group of students that is here before that time. The Cooperative Industrial Education (ICE) class begins school at 7:30 a.m., but they get out an hour early.

The ICE program provides a channel for projecting the school into the community. Students attend classes in the morning and spend the afternoon and/or evening on the job.

"I like this program because it allows me to take classes that I need to graduate and gives me time to get job experience," said Teletha

Anderson.

ICE adds an average of 20 additional courses to the school curriculum because students receive various types of instruction through production on their job.

"I enjoy working at the hospital because I have always been interested in that area of work," commented Pam Brumfield. The printing class is also a valuable asset to not only the high school but also the entire school system.

Besides printing the Torchlight newspaper, they also print all of the Elementary yearbook, art and literary magazine Creations, the school directory, all business forms such

as attendance slips, detention forms, and also athletic programs.

Mr. C. D. Ritch is a 19 year veteran on the job and commented that he has enough work to keep his students constantly busy but he also added that valuable classroom instruction and training is also given.

"I enjoy working and talking with students and seeing them progress not only in school but also in their career goals," said Mr. Ritch.

He further commented that the majority of his students now have printing jobs throughout Oklahoma.

"I think printing is a great trade

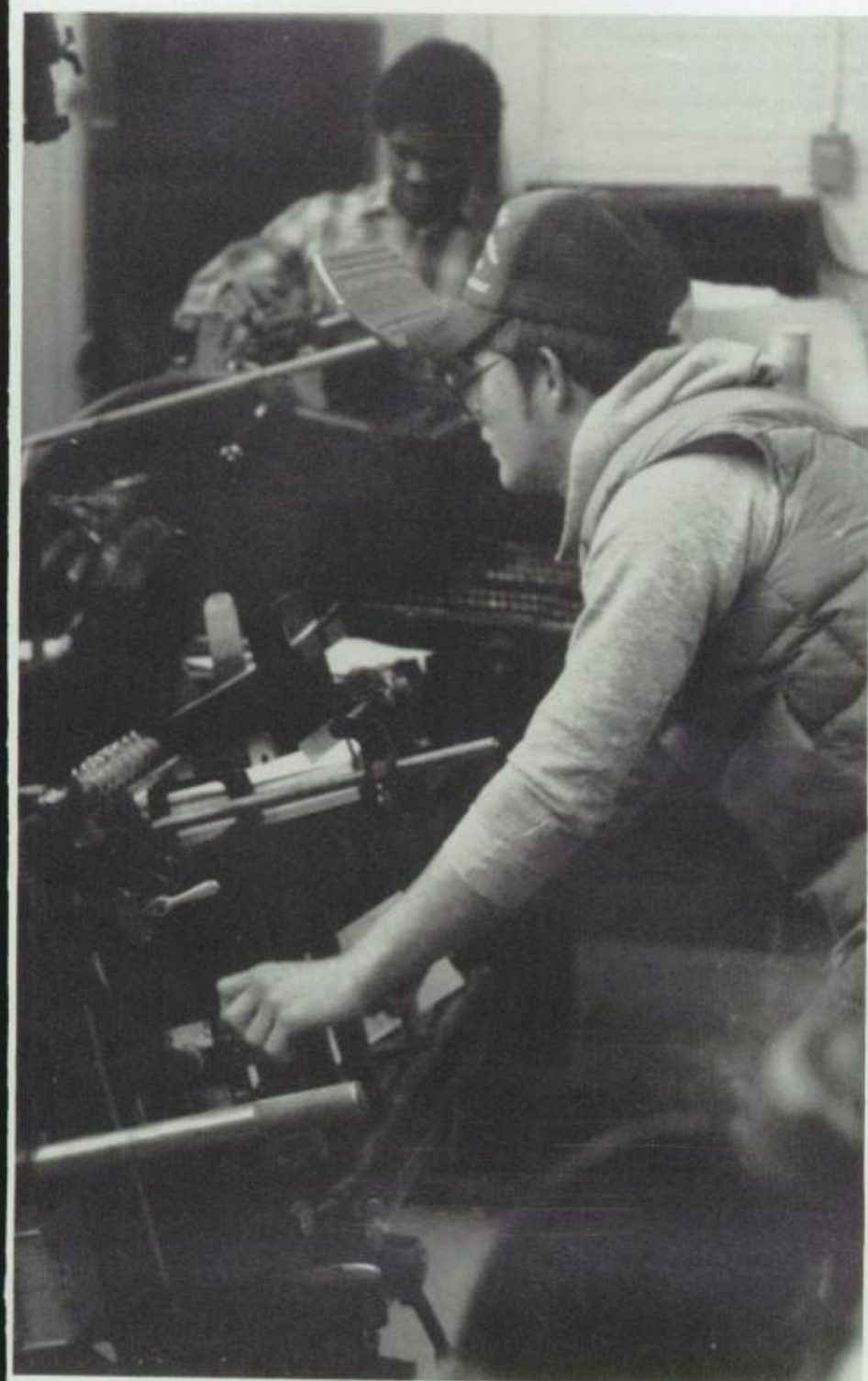
to learn and I think Mr. Ritch is an excellent teacher," said Robert Dewitt.

Because of the school bond election, the print shop was very busy printing ballots and promotional materials in November and December. As soon as the bond election material was complete, they had to start on school board election ballots.

"I enjoy printing various items and as long as the presses work, I am prepared for anything," stated Robert.

EXAMINING X-RAY SHEETS is one of the many tasks performed by Pam Brumfield at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital.





Students Get Training

Looking Toward The Future, Growing Up And Being On Top.

VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) through ICE offered to students who wanted to earn a salary while earning a school credit. The goal of the VICA students was to master the parliamentary procedure. It teaches them leadership skill and to develop their skills further.

Every year VICA elects officers, and this years officers are; President, Gary Lablanc; Vice-President, Lynn Kellogg; Secretary, LaDonna Barnett; Tresurer, Tim Sally; Parliamentarian, Teletha Anderson; Historian, Pam Brumfield; Chaplin, Mike Waddle; Reporter, Dana McDaniel.

The VICA organization won best decorated car in the Homecoming parade. On that car was the VICA queen and her attendants. This years queen was Teletha Anderson and her attendants were LaDonna Barnett, and Barbra Lewis.

VICA attended a Fall Leadership Conference in Sapulpa, and entered

a VICA contest in March at Oklahoma State Tech. Their future plans included taking a trip to Six Flags over Texas.

"You learn alot of things about public relations in Vica," stated LaDonna Barnett.

Woodworking is a talent. Cutting wood, sawing, and building takes alot of time, patience, and thought. This years advanced woodworking class made and sold cedar chests for people as a fund raising project. Woodworking students study how to build and create. Around the middle of the school year, they start bulding. They choose what they want to make then they get to work. They make projects for themselves and for others. Many make the projects for gifts while others just keep them for their own personal use.

WOODWORKING IS TIME consuming and requires lots of hard work as shown by David Gibson.



GLUEING TOGETHER HIS project is Chris McKary, he works hard for his to be the best.





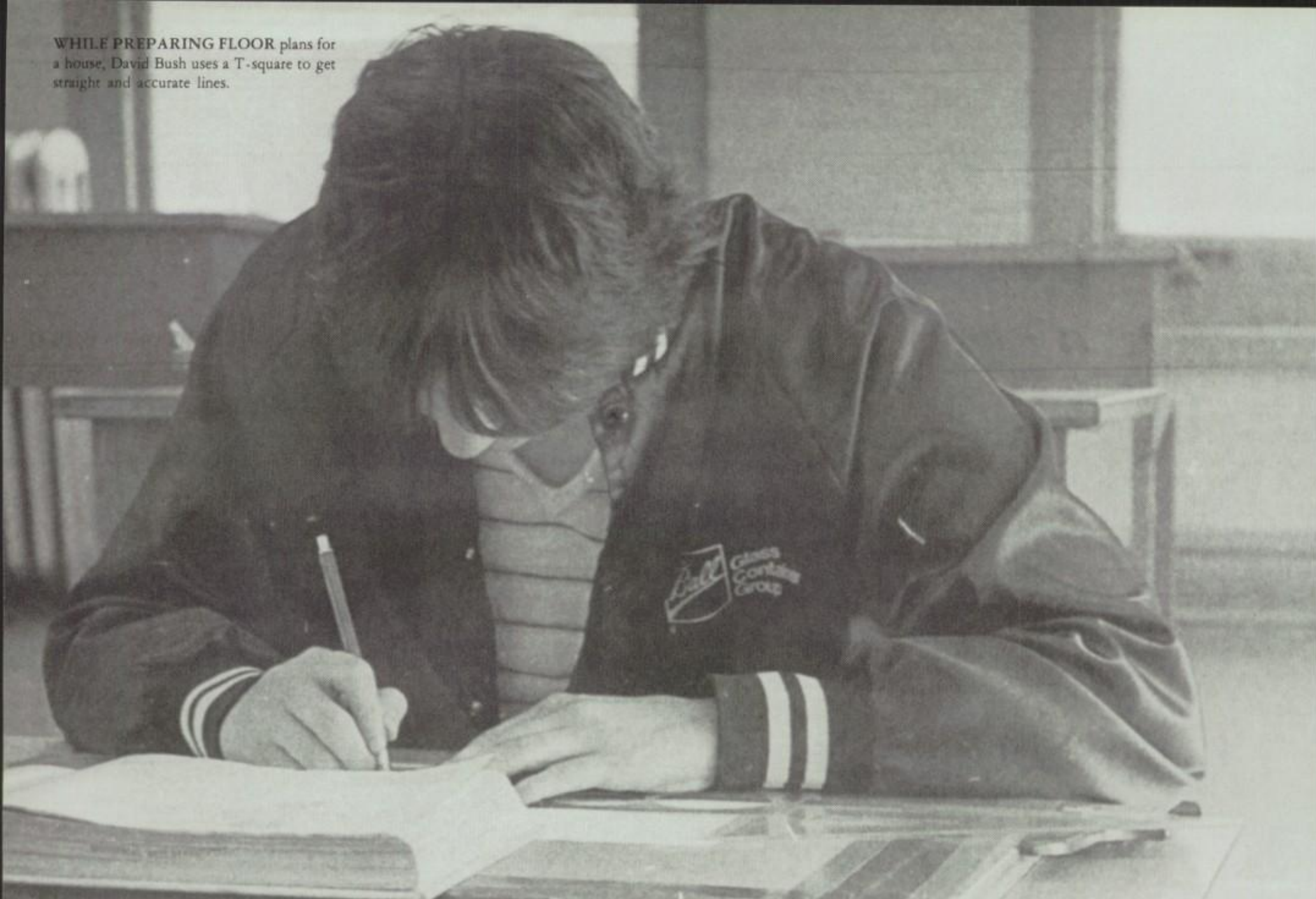
BEFORE YOU CAN start you have to know how to make it. Tracy Barnett takes time out for a review that will pay off for her in the long run.



MAKING PROJECTS FOR themselves and others develops the skills of a wood-working class.

MR. SLONE HELPS his students develop their skills further by advising them on what to do.

WHILE PREPARING FLOOR plans for a house, David Bush uses a T-square to get straight and accurate lines.



Drafting Builds Career Hopes

Drafting students kept busy this year under the guidance of Mr. John Duncan, who has headed that department for five years.

Drafting students learn the basic skills in Drafting I and are taught how to draw machine parts from either one or two views. Drafting II students do more difficult assignments.

Probably the best news for the drafting department was the introduction of the computer to the class. Each student was given a chance to do a simple drawing on the computer. This helps make the drafting department the most up to date class in keeping pace with modern technology. It also helps the students to become more familiar with computers and provides first hand experience.

This knowledge can be used in college and for those who choose drafting as a career. Although the drafting classes did not enter any contests during the 1983-84 school year, Mr. Duncan hoped that the students would be given a chance

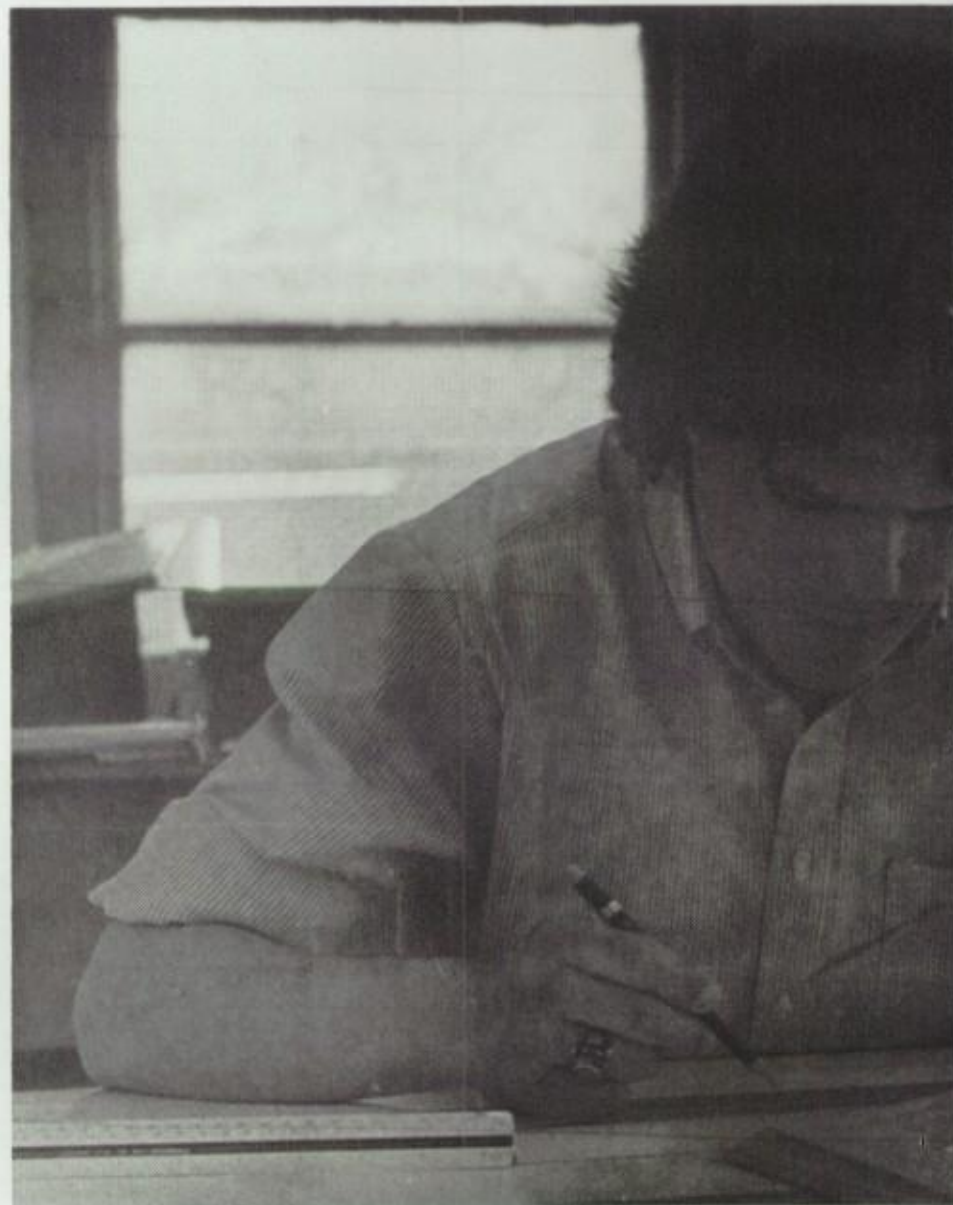
for competition during 1984-85. In previous years Okmulgee has done well at these competitions.

Drafting classes during the past year averaged about 15 people per class. Although this makes it one of the smaller classes, drafting is still one of the most helpful to its students. It helps to reinforce materials learned in other classes and helps the students with problem solving.

"I would like to become a draftsman because it pays good. This class has allowed me to sharpen my skills in this area," said Sean McDowell, second year drafting student.

Careers resulting from Drafting include architecture designers, carpentry, construction and building engineers and a variety of commercial art jobs.

MARK BRANT STUDIES HIS plans for a two-story brick house with basement. The skills he learn in Drafting will help him with a future career.





Art Class Helps School Production

Mr. Wayne Ramer's art class has produced some excellent young artists over the past years. This was proven by art contests, where his students have won several first place awards. This past year was no different and once again his students did excellent in competition.

The art club was involved in the school play, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Several members such as Joe Domebo and other art students helped to paint the scenery for the play. Without the work of the art students, the sets would have been rather dull. These students worked on this project during their art class and spent their own time after school. The art students also worked hard in the classroom. The Art I students learned the basic skills in art such as strokes, lines, and basic shapes.

ART I STUDENT Rusty Lewis concentrates deeply while finishing up his picture.

While the Art II and III classes worked with pastels, charcoal, and watercolors. Many people have the false idea that art is an easy, blow-off class. This concept is definitely untrue. Art is something that requires much talent and the art students at Okmulgee High have proved to have this talent.

Every year the art department has an art club. The officers for the 1984-1985 school year were David Jennings and Samantha Merriman as chairmen, and Paula Cox served as secretary. Members included such art students as Joe Domebo, Christie Rogers, Eddie Macalhan, Kenneth Morgan, Paul Brewer, Bill Nygard, Terry Jones and Kim Marak.

"Art gives me a chance to be creative and show others an expressive feeling that I possess," said Sammantha Merriman.

From contest to helping with the play, art students help to paint the scene at OHS.



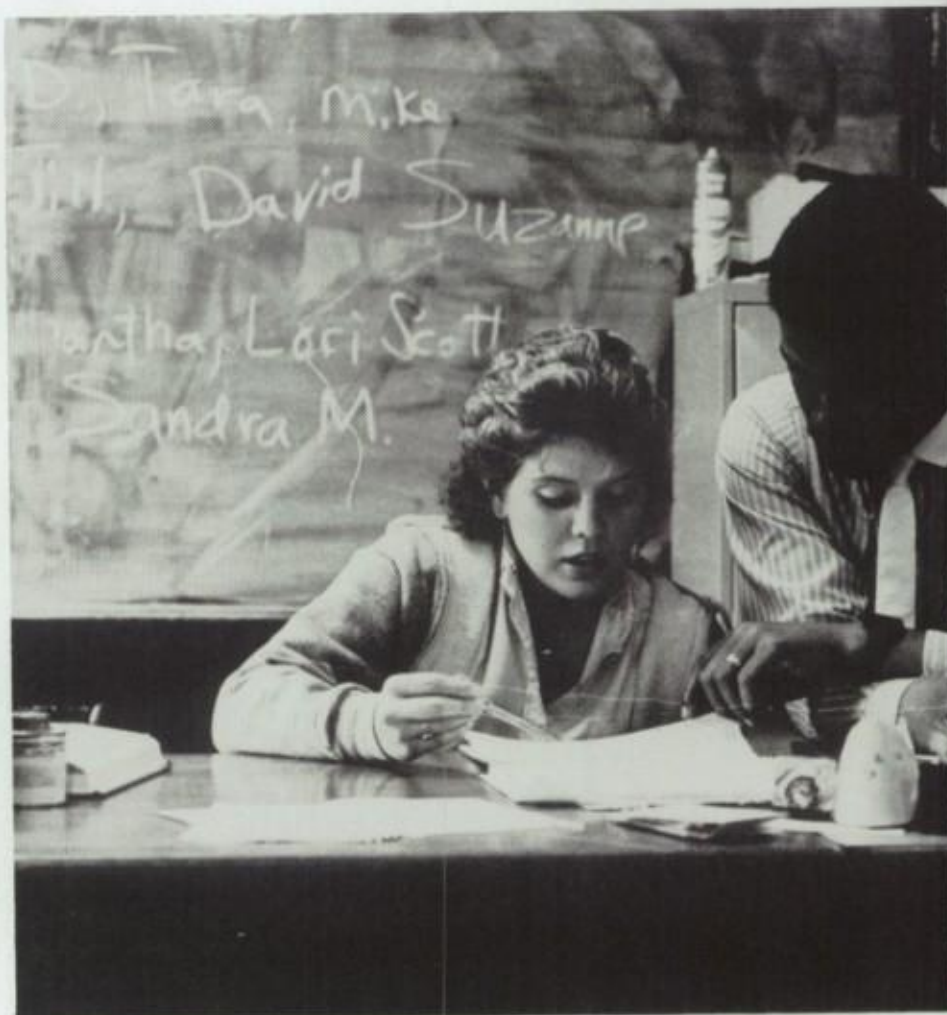
DAVID GIBSON AND Bill Nygard sketch out a drawing for their art projects.



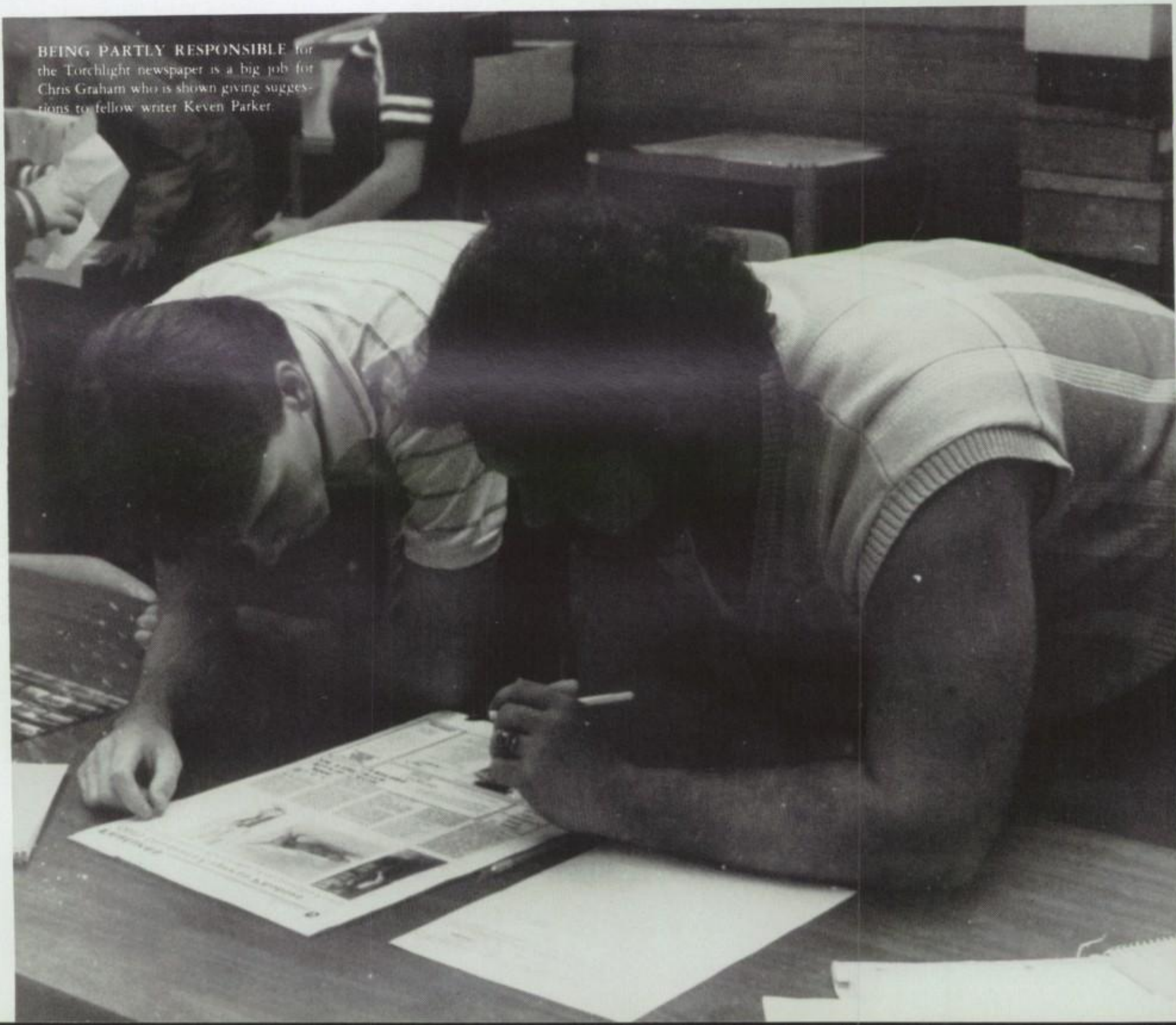
PHOTOGRAPHERS MARY INGLEY and Lori Williams, along with Sharahn Thompson realize that there is more to being a photographer than one might think.

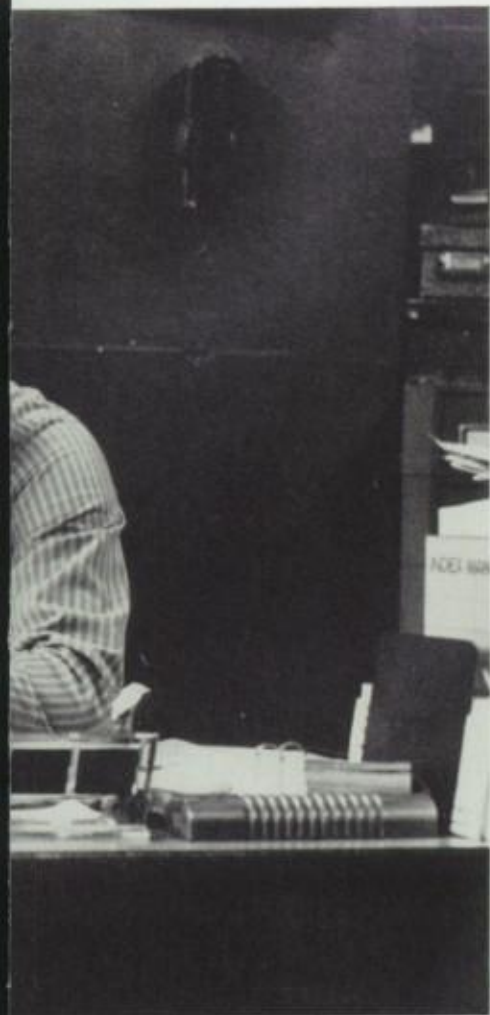


PAM BRUMFIELD ASKS for advice on her story from Mr. Dwayne Long, Advisor.



BEING PARTLY RESPONSIBLE for the Torchlight newspaper is a big job for Chris Graham who is shown giving suggestions to fellow writer Keven Parker.





The "wave of the future", computers finally hit the Journalism Dept. at Okmulgee High this year. Copy, names, and headlines were typed on the computer and then corrected before printing, making mistakes fewer.

"When we finally figured out how to program it and to correct our spelling, it was really great," commented Lisa Taylor. "It is also a great time saver."

Yearbook spreads, stories for the newspaper, and ads for both, were quite enough to take up students' time, however. In order to keep up with other schools, journalism students attended workshops and searched magazines for ideas. In October the two staffs attended the Fall Interscholastic Press Association meeting at the University of Oklahoma in Nor-

man, where they will also be attending the spring session in April. April was also the month for Press Day at Northeastern University in Talequah.

"From what I see at our workshops, we're putting out an excellent yearbook for the money," stated Kim Hartman "some books no bigger than ours were \$35.00."

Money for both publications was a problem. Advertisers were very important, and the community business people did their part.

"Ad layouts are fun, but alot of hard work," said Rebekah Ingley. "They are really important to the newspaper, though."

Another long and boring, but important, job was that of rolling film. Photographers saved money by doing it themselves in addition to taking all of the pictures. Prob-

ably the most patient of all students, photographers not only did their job, but dealt with irate layout managers.

"We don't always know what the other kids want when we take a picture, and sometimes we just have to guess," confessed Joe Wares.

Of course, neither document would have been possible without the editors. Dawn Howell, and Nancy Perry supervised the yearbook, and Robert Magnuson and Chris Graham put out an award-winning newspaper. Last but not least, Mr. Dwayne Long.



YEARBOOK AD MANAGER Lynelle Roberts uses caution while designing her spread.

Black & Red Pride

The black and red pride of OHS band could be seen playing at pep assemblies and games, while winning awards and adjusting to a new teacher.

"The morning practices are tough, we have to be at the field at 7:30 and it's usually very cold," stated James Alexander, drum major, about the Okmulgee High School Band.

"Being a drum major is different than playing an instrument. It takes up a lot of time, but it's all worth it."

Over the years it seems the band is declining, actually there were 62 members last year, and 60 members this year.

"We lost several good senior members last year, but we gained several good freshman musicians this year," said Denise Brummett.

Among the many events that were attended this year by the band were the Oklahoma State University homecoming parade on October 27, Regional Marching contest on October 24, and State Concert Band contest on April 9.

Last year at Regional Marching contest a one, or a superior rating was obtained. Superior is the highest rating that is achieved. "We hope to do that well this year," stated Becky Pitts.

A few of the fund raisers that band members participated in were the cheese and sausage sales from October 31 to November 6, and car washes in the spring.

The band officers for the 1984-85 band season were President: Leroy Van Antwerp and Vice President James Alexander.

The band queen for this year was Pam James, the junior attendant was Leslie Porter, sophomore attendant Becky Pitts and freshman attendant, Janice Lunney.

Elizabeth Oaks stated, "I like being able to show spirit at football games and pep assemblies. We work hard to be better so we can put on a good show at half time."

"I enjoy being in band because we are able to attend most of the out of town football games. I like contests because we are able to compete against other schools," said Angela Grandfield.

Bridgette Jackson said "I enjoy going on trips and marching contests. I would really like to continue my band career when I go to college."

Charmin Scott stated, "I enjoy band because of all the football games we are able to attend. One thing I don't like is when it rains and we have to stand in it."

"I like playing my instrument but I don't like getting up in the morning to go to early band practice," said Stacy Jones.

Overall, most of the band members agreed, "we enjoy band because we like to show our school spirit."



BEFORE EVERY HOME football game, the band marched around the field to their bleachers on the other side.

THE O.H.S. BAND MARCHING at the Shawnee football game. They were able to attend most out of town games.





FIRST ROW Karin Phelps, Leslie Porter, Shelley Mitchell, Angela Grandfield, Shelly Metzger, Charmin Scott, Debbie Gee **SECOND ROW** Denise Brummett, Lori Williams, Kristi McIntosh, Loraine Mitchell, Quannah Gee, Janice Lunney, Amy Floyd, Bridgette Jackson **THIRD ROW** James Alexander, Becky Pitts, Britt Magneson, Johnny Grammer, Will Dalsing, David Brown, Mike Berryhill, David Winn, Rod Mayden, Staci Jones, Michelle Johnson **FOURTH ROW** Leroy Van Antwerp, Toby McKay, David Scott, Corey Lordsdale, Mike Danielson, Pam James, Darrin Mills, Brett Bryant, Phillip Stacy, Mike Antle, Matt Holcomb, Robert Hagleburg, Gene Walker, John Randle, Donald Barbee, David Crowley, Beth Joliff **FIFTH ROW** Tracy Clark, Lea Thompson, Heather Grim, Amy Williams, Elizabeth Oakes, Allen Edmonds, Maurice James, Buddy Pinneo, John King, Rodney Summers, Jacque Tinnell, Debbie Wertman, Connie Frits, Tina Powell, Michelle Beaver.

JAMES ALEXANDER, drum major, playing a solo at a home football game.

RODNEY SUMMERS and the rest of the drum section leaving a pep assembly. They played an active roll in pep assemblies keeping every one "peppy."





VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: First row: Jennifer Smith, Kim Hartman, Lisa Taylor, Suzanne Spivey. Back row: Dawn Howell, Samantha Merriman, Becky Pitts, Susan Wilcox.

We Do It All For You

Along with a different season of cheerleading came a new cheerleading advisor, Ms. Marilyn Young. Ms. Young is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and is now teaching American History.

Ms. Young commented, "It's a new experience for me, and it's a good way to get involved with the school since this was my first year."

Miss Starla Culbert is a semi-new sponsor. After being an advisor for a year she states, "We've got a good group of girls this year and they are really working hard, I'm proud of them."

The sponsors make arrangements for games, assemblies, keep track of money, along with many other things. They play a major part in helping the squads.

Each summer the cheerleading squads attend a summer camp, where they learn cheers, chants,

Cheerleaders work long, hard hours cheering, practicing, and decorating . . . just for you

how to become a good cheerleader, and how to organize money raising projects. This year the Varsity squad attended the University of Oklahoma where they were awarded four Superior and one Excellent ribbons. They also won a spirit stick for showing lots of spirit.

Dawn Howell, varsity captain said, "Cheerleading is fun, even when it means spending endless hours in the heat all day."

The Junior Varsity squad attended Tulsa University where they were awarded one Excellent and three Outstanding ribbons.

This year's Freshmen squad went to the University of Oklahoma where they won one Superior and four Excellent ribbons. This

quad also took a spirit stick to home. "We liked it, it was fun but a lot of hard work," stated Shannon Womble.

Cheerleaders go through a lot of hard work. Practicing every day all summer; the squads learn routines for pep assemblies and cheers for games. Cheering was not the hard part, the real work was trying to raise the spirit of our school. Cheerleaders did the famous class Battle Cry and while others had students to stand up and be proud of their school.

Every Thursday night the Varsity cheerleaders decorate the locker room. Hanging signs, and streamers trying to raise spirits of the players for the game that night, became important.

Attending gymnastics was a major part of this year's squads. All summer and continuing through the school year the cheerleaders learned to improve their gymnastic ability. Round-off-backhand springs was not everything but doing aials of just even a front walkover look impressive. Not everyone could be a gymnast but still they could be a good cheerleader.

Cheerleaders were not the only spirit builders in the school. Mascots are an important part in raising spirit to. This year our mascot was Melody Williams, she raised spirit in our school by jumping up and down, yelling with the cheerleaders, and just having a good time. Melody said, "Some people think I'm crazy, but it is really a lot of fun."

"Remember we were not out there for ourselves but for everyone," said Melody.



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEER-LEADERS: First row; Tela Hammon, Sec-ond row; Aimee Cochran, Kim Rogers, Debbie Jokerst, Genie Baxter, Donna Giss-lason.

ONE OF MANY BEHIND the scenes job of a Varsity cheerleader is hanging up signs in the school.



MASCOT MELODY WILLIAMS proves she has spirit, and helps raise more during assemblies.

OHS VARSITY CHEERLEADERS helped in pep assemblies to raise spirit among students.



FRESHMEN CHEERLEADERS: First row; Shannon Womble, Second row; Kellie Dickerson, Rhonda Unruh, Heather Grimm, Charity Todd, Kim Ballenger, Not pictured: Christy Downing.

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you are a real sweet girl. I
enjoy being
in 3rd h. w/ you.
I hope you
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Good luck w/
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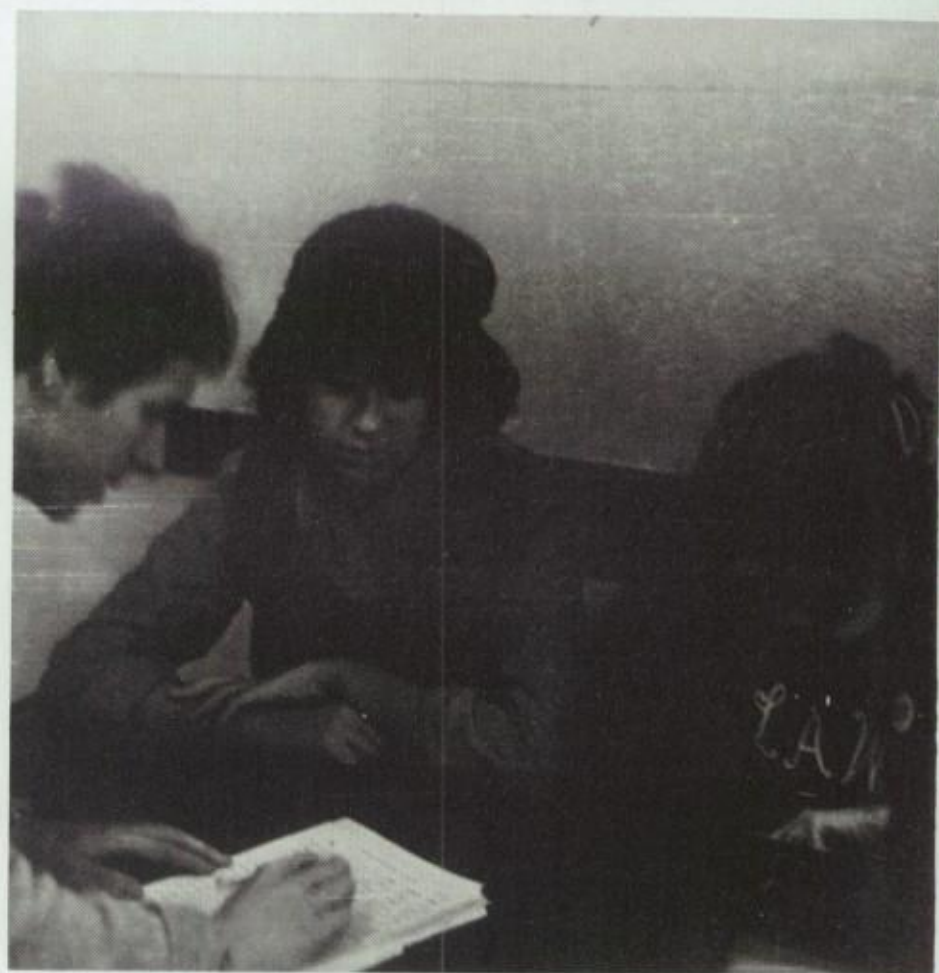
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TALKING AT LUNCH during the O.A.S.C. Convention are Heather Nygard and Melody Williams.



NHS MEMBERS: Karin Phelps, Michelle Johnson, Debbie White, Elizabeth Dietert, Ladonna Barnett, Tammy Briscoe, Lisa Taylor, Nancy Perry, Joyce Powdrill, Patrick Ford, James Alexander, Amy Gisslason, Brian Osborne, and Tri Doan.

LORI WILLIAMS AND Kristi McIntosh register Randy Davenport to vote in the mock election.





JAMES ALEXANDER CONGRATULATES Patrick Ford after giving him his pledged certificate.

ATTENDING O.A.S.C. WERE: Becky Pitts, Melody Williams, Kristi McIntosh, Rod Mayden, Robert Magnuson, and Heather Nygard.



Making OHS A Better Place

NHS And Student Council made OHS A Better Place To Attend School.

The National Honor Society and the Student Council played an active role in helping Okmulgee High School become a better school.

The President for National Honor Society this year was Nancy Perry, Vice-President was James Alexander, Secretary, Amy Gislason and Treasurer, LaDonna Barnett. The faculty council was composed of Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Pitts, Mr. Columbin, Mr. Hutchinson, and Ms. Sheppard.

In order to be accepted into the National Honor Society a student needs to have a 3.5 grade point average, one leadership position, and six character evaluations by

teachers.

Among the many things the National Honor Society members sponsored is the book fair in April and the mock election in November.

The induction ceremony was held in the library on December 10. The traditional lighting of the candles took place, and the past student sponsor, Mrs. Adeline Shroyer, now retired, was present.

Tri Doan said, "It was an honor being chosen for National Honor Society, I really enjoy being in it."

Leading the Student Council for this year was: Robert Magnuson, President, Melody Williams, Vice-President, and Heather Mygard,

Secretary.

There were approximately 45 members and the meetings were held every Wednesday in the library.

During Homecoming week the Student Council set the appropriate dress for the day. Monday was dress down day, Tuesday was dress up day, Wednesday was hat day, Thursday was fad day and Friday was the traditional red and black day.

Along with National Honor Society the Student Council held a mock election. They were in charge of the registration of the students.

A few of the other events spon-

sored by the Student Council were a Valentine Dance and a computer dating list in the spring.

Six delegates from the Okmulgee High School Student Council spent two and a half days in Stillwater attending the Oklahoma Association of Student Councils Convention November 11-13.

Robert Magnuson said, "I learned alot at the convention, we all learned better ways to run our student government here in Okmulgee."

The Okmulgee High School Student Council and the National Honor Society seemed to have made Okmulgee High School a better place to attend school.

Speechies Keep Winning Tradition

Being a speechie takes a lot of time and hard work. Speech I students worked on public speaking, debate, and short plays under the teaching of Ms. Shari Sheppard. Speech II students worked hard on their competitive material, including night practices before tournaments.

Whether it is dramatic, humorous or debate, many long hours of hard work is put into making their best performance. Everyone's ambition is that they will get the chance to go to Nationals, or be in the All-State cast. In order to qualify for Nationals, or be in the All-State cast. In order to qualify for Nationals, one must go to eight qualifying tournaments. At the tourney, one must place in the top three, then he proceeds to Regionals. At Regionals, speechies are required to place in the top four in order to proceed to the State competition. Okmulgee High is in the Eastern district of NFL (National

Forensic League). If one places first at the district tournament, then he goes to National competition. Next year, the Eastern district of NFL will be hosting the National competition in Oklahoma at Jenks.

Okmulgee has a winning tradition. They have been represented in the past at National tournaments and have had a National champion. They have won at State six times and Regionals ten times. Besides competing, the Speech department performs for omnifarious functions and clubs. They also participate in the annual community disaster drill by posing as accident victims of different types according to the drill.

Another part of the Speech department and competition is the NFL. Membership in any national honor society is the main objective of the ambitious and forward looking high school student. The NFL represents recognition and

achievement of which one will always be proud.

To join the NFL, one must compete at tournaments. For each time a student wins, he receives points according to the category. The contestant first attains a Degree of Merit, then Degree of Honor, Degree of Excellence, Degree of Distinction and then the Double Ruby.

Every year the Speech department has to see several good seniors graduate and take with them their talent and experience that they have gained during the time they spent in speech at Okmulgee.

"We're losing a lot of experience with this class, however, the freshmen class is very large and very talented," said Speech coach Mr. Craig Brydges.

Still another aspect of Speech is the One Act play. This year's One Act was "Brighton Beach Memoirs" written by Neil Simon. It is a mixture of comedy and drama re-

volving around the times of the depression. The cast included sophomore Jack Dove as Eugene; Steve Burton as Stanley; Valerie Campbell as Laurie; Jenny Alexander, freshmen, as Nora; Margaret Harlan as Blanche; Kristen Shamas as Kate, and Jack is played by James Alexander.

As in most of the other kinds of speech, there is competition for One Act plays. The cast for All-State is chosen from these competitions.

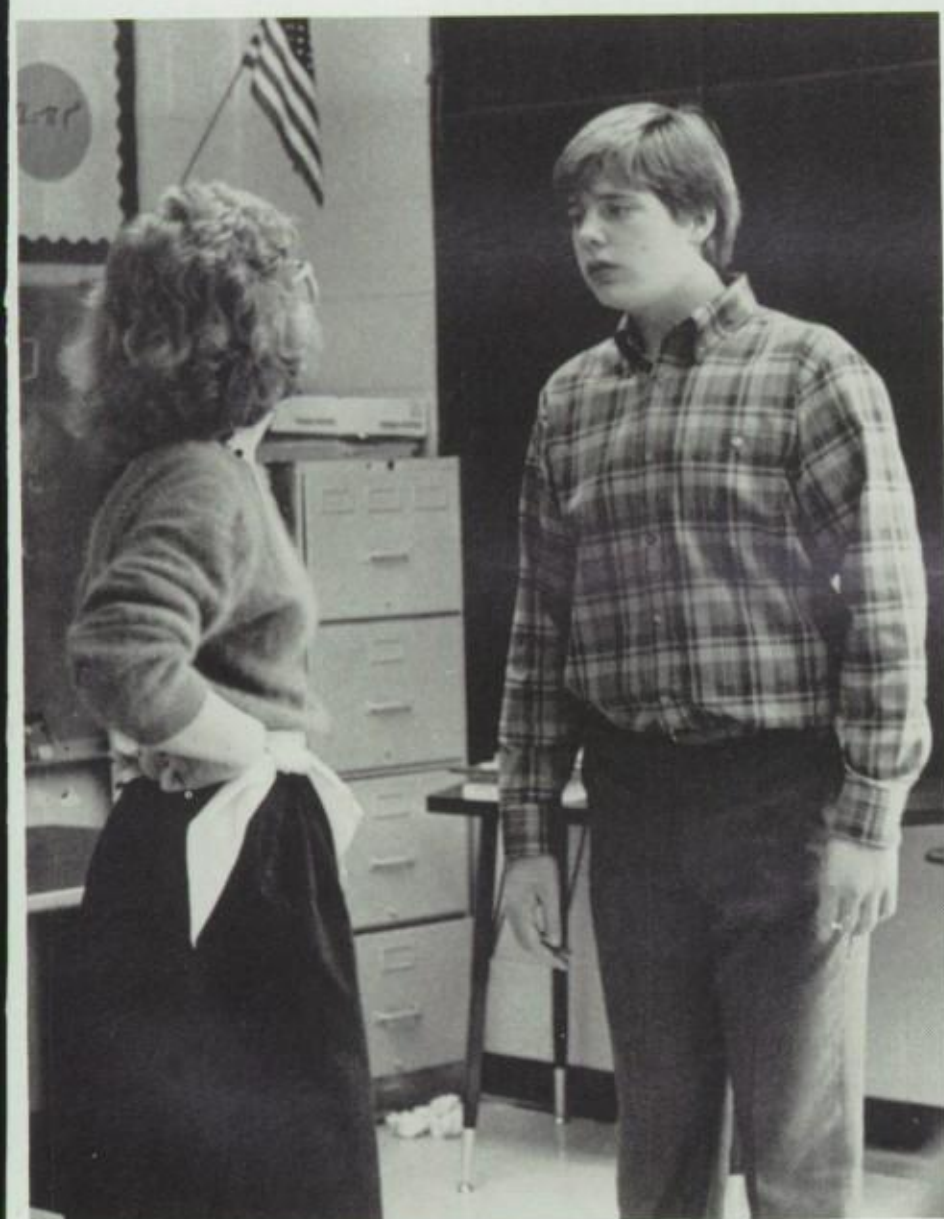
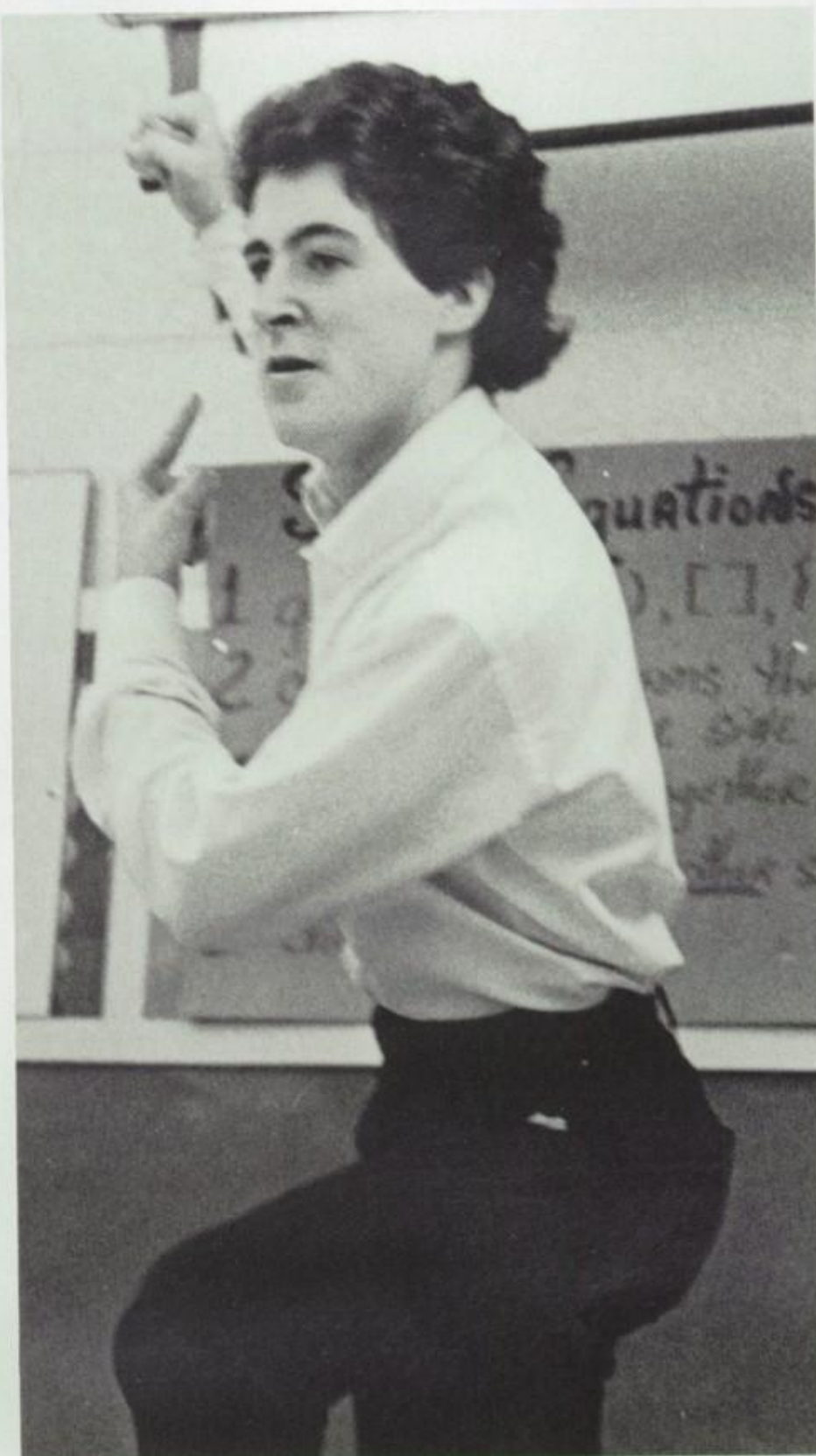
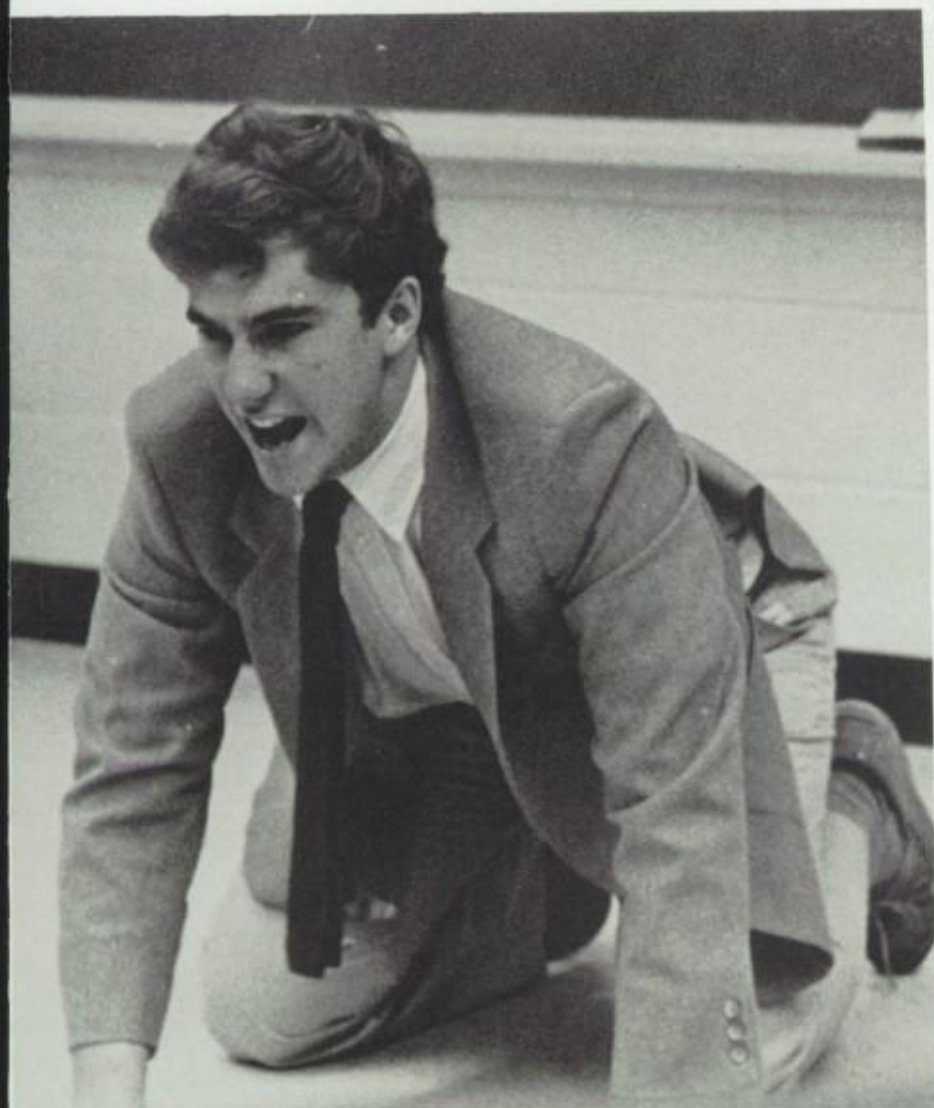
It goes without saying that the speechies always are in the scene in their own way.

FELLOW SPEECHIES SHOW their support as sophomore Jack Dove's name is called at the awards assembly in Jenks. Coach Craig Brydges, Andrea Moore, Leslie Mitchell, James Alexander, Jenny Alexander, Robert Magnuson and Jennifer Thorman are seen here cheering in support of the Okmulgee speech team.



STEVE BURTON WORKS on his characterization before he performs his humorous duet with James Alexander entitled "A Midsummer's Night Dream" at the Jenks tournament.

JAMES ALEXANDER PERFORMS his humorous duet with Steve Burton for the judges in Jenks. This city has one of the largest competitive speech tournaments in the state of Oklahoma.



MARGARET HARLAN, JUNIOR, and sophomore Jack Dove act out a cut from the popular play, "Plaza Suite" by Neil Simon.

FRESHMAN JENNY ALEXANDER and senior David Jennings practice through their dramatic duet in an empty room before they do it for competition. Many hours of work is put into get ready for a tournament and it takes alot of effort from both people in a duet.

Keynotes Tune-Up

Contests And Community Performances Keep Choir Tuned-Up Year Round

Being a member of the Keynotes is a lot of hard work. "You really have to know what you're doing," stated Keynote director Mr. Larry Sparkman.

Mr. Sparkman has been the Keynote director at Okmulgee High for six years. He has a bachelor's degree in music, and is known for his great ability in music.

"Mr. Sparkman can play almost anything that has strings," said David Jennings, a two year member of the Keynotes.

Mr. Sparkman enjoys using his musical talent to teach others the variety of music that can be played.

This year the Keynotes attended as many contests as possible. Last year they had the most superior ratings that Okmulgee High has ever had before.

"We lost one of the best groups of singers I've ever had to the graduating class of '84, but this year's seniors have a lot of exper-

ience and they're great," Mr. Sparkman commented.

The Keynotes did several activities for the community. They sang for places like the Lions Club, Senior Citizen's, churches, etc. They did many programs especially around the holidays. Sometimes they got overbooked, and having so many places to sing, they had to cancel out.

Last year the Keynotes performed the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" which became a big smash. This year the Keynotes had planned to take it a little easier. They worked harder on contest material, instead of another musical.

"It was a lot of fun, but also a lot of hard work, we needed a rest," stated Joe Wares.

This year's Keynotes did more than their average job, they made the scene.

SHARYL WILLS, EDDIE MCELHANON, Jill Robertson, Joe Wares, and Steven Burton enjoy a piece of music that was sung at a major performance. The Keynotes held several shows for the Okmulgee citizens.

MR. LARRY SPARKMAN SPENDS countless hours on the piano and directing the Keynotes to a top-rated choir.





AFTER A FULL DAY of hard work and practice, Mr. Sparkman sits down at the piano and plays through a few bars of music.

STUDENTS IN KEYNOTES which have been practicing for their Oklahoma State University workshop, take a break from their tight practice schedule.



MICHELLE DAY, Elizabeth Oaks, and Lorie Soma spend their afternoons practicing with Mr. Sparkman trying to achieve the best sound possible.

"OH NO, MORE MUSIC!" Sharyl Wills and Lacy Nelson sigh after they receive one of their harder pieces, knowing it will soon have to be memorized.





Can Food Drive Successful

Spanish Club Receive Gigantic Boost From Community To Help The Needy

With the Spanish club under the guidance of Senorita Gail Patton, students had an opportunity to do and see interesting projects.

Everyone knows coming back to school after a wonderful summer vacation is no fun at all, so that is why the Spanish club organized a picnic at Kiddies Lake to put some fun back into beginning the new school year.

Senorita Patton and the Spanish club also had a party to celebrate Halloween the Spanish way. Spanish people celebrate Halloween by having a fiesta where everyone dresses up in costumes and take turns trying to hit a pinata while they are blindfolded.

mAround Christmas time, the Spanish classes learned some Christmas carols in Spanish. They learned such songs as, "Deck the Halls" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." Then they went Christmas caroling and collected canned goods for the traditional canned food drive during the holiday season.

During the month of February, Mrs. Doris Lowery, librian took some students to tour Spain and

France. They toured six different cities and they spent nine days in all while touring these different foreign cities.

Senorita Patton had one of her former Spanish professors, Dr. Garcia, come to the school. The students welcomed him with a Spanish meal for lunch. Senorita Patton also sponsored a foreign exchange student, Maria Novakosky, from Argentina.

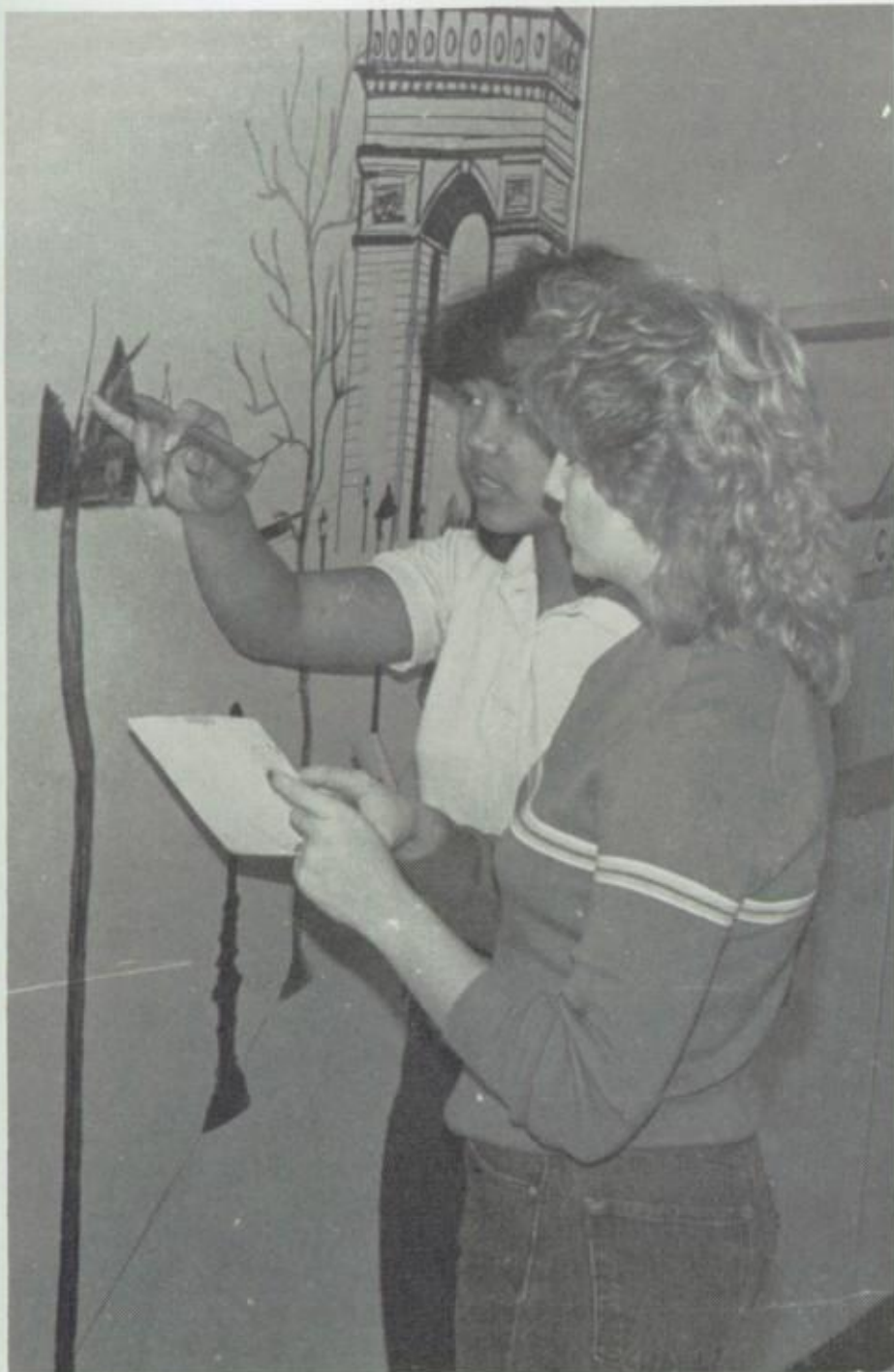
The Spanish language is a widespread language spoken by many people in all parts of the world. There are 26 countries in the world that speak the language. Included of course is our southern neighbor Mexico. The United States has many people who speak the Spanish language and this language is recognized as the second language of the United States. In Oklahoma alone there are 36,000 Spanish speaking persons. The United States itself is the fifth largest Spanish speaking country in the world.

"By the year 1990, Hispanics will be the largest American minority," stated Senorita Patton.



FUN AND FOOD is one way that the Spanish club starts the school year, at Kiddies Lake.

DR. GARCIA AN Oklahoma State University professor, enjoys a glass of punch; provided by the Spanish Club.



SUZANNE STONE AND Marisa Tayuman check their cultural drawings in the French room. The girls took two weeks to get the work finalized.



FRENCH CLUB MEMBERS were able to go to Jenks and see plays and visit the William Center twice.



French Remains Popular

Still Known Worldwide As The "Love Language"

The French language is very unique. It is fascinating to learn, along with the different ways to speak the language itself. French is the official language of France, Switzerland, Belgium and several other European countries; it is also the official language of Canada and Haiti in America and of 18 countries in Africa. French is also the secondary language of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos.

At Okmulgee High, French is just one of the foreign languages that students can learn. Mrs. Laverne Hampton has taught French classes at Okmulgee for sixteen

years. Mrs. Hampton studied the French language at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Arkansas(UAPB) and the University of Oklahoma(OU).

Because of the new requirements that have been passed, starting with the sophomore class, students will have to have at least two years of a foreign language to be accepted at a state college or university. This has caused an increase in the enrollment for both of the foreign language classes that are offered here at Okmulgee High.

The French club also did a lot of fun things this year. One of the many things they did included going to "The Three Musketeers" at the Jenks Performing Art Center(J-PAC) in Jenks, Oklahoma. They also celebrated various occasions during the year.

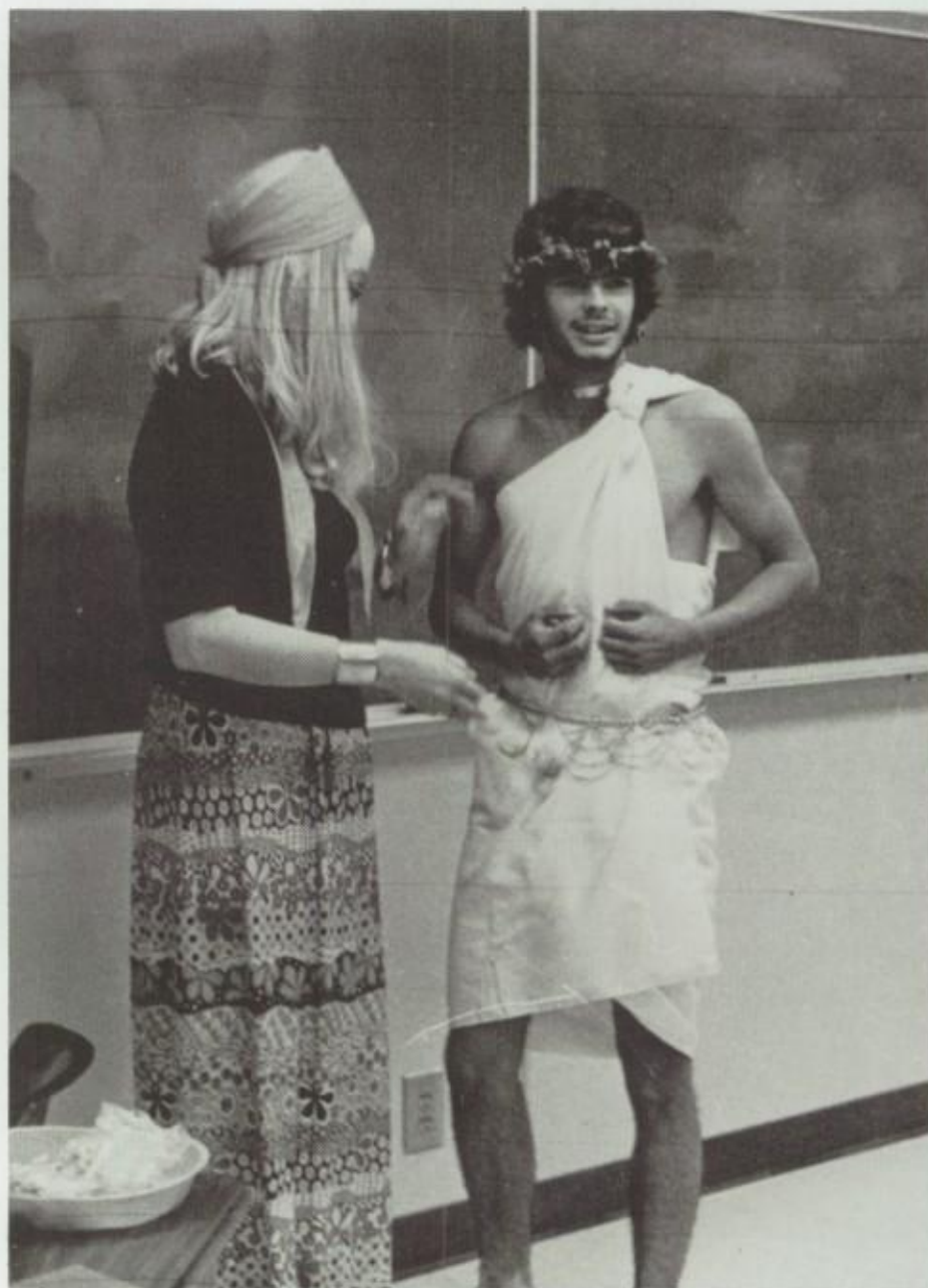
People can have a lot of fun learning the French language, and most students do. It is not only a fun language to speak but it is also known as the International language of love. Mrs. Hampton commenting on the years so far said, "the pace was somewhat slower at the beginning of the year than last year at this time, nevertheless; our spring activities picked up the tempo."

Most of the students would agree that they have all had fun with this particular language.

"I think French will help me greatly in the future for whatever career plan I may select. I suggest all students to take a foreign language course," said Robert Magnuson.

FRED HENSLEY LISTENS as Mrs. Laverne Hampton talks with her French I class.

DRESSING UP AS THEIR favorite Halloween characters was one of the many unique English projects in Mrs. Carma Cruce's English class.



Grammar Takes Time

Okmulgee High School students spend approximately 560 hours of their high school career in English class. Many students think this is useless because they have spoken since they were infants.

The freshman English classes worked mostly on basic grammar, while the sophomores, juniors and seniors studied several pieces of literature including "Julius Ceasar" "The Scarlett Letter" and "Macbeth" respectively. These classes were also sprinkled with grammar, spelling, poetry and witting.

Mrs. Carma Cruce and Mrs. Martha Bryant ordered a new vocabulary book for their students planning college. It was required that Mrs. Bryant's and Mrs. Cruce's honors classes use the book but anyone that wished to use the book was allowed to.

"Honors English has helped me to broaden my horizons in classical as well as modern American Literature," said Genie Baxter.

Mrs. Bryant also teaches creative writing. It is an elective class for anyone in ninth to twelfth grades. It was started at Okmulgee High three years ago and enrollment has increased each year.

The creative writing class writes poetry, short stories, and even movies. The class stays busy the entire year working on the "Creations" the art and literary magazine. The students also enter several writing contest throughout the year.

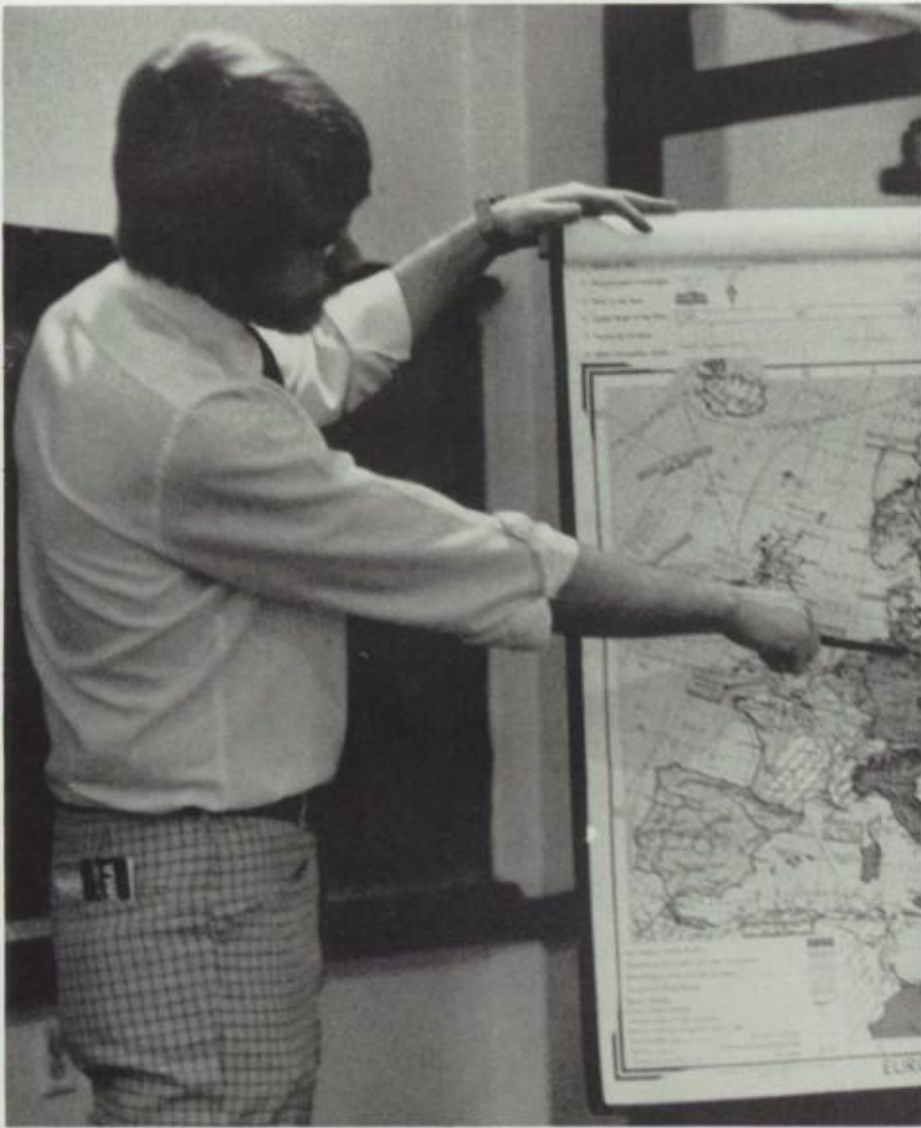
Kristi McIntosh stated, "I have really enjoyed this year in English and I have appreciated the knowledge I obtained in creative writing."

STUDENTS KNEW THAT English was part of their main course and make it enjoyable, they would often read silently and daydream at the same time.



"Close-Up" Reveals History

WHILE DISCUSSING THE PROBLEMS in Europe, Mr. Randy Hutchinson points to Germany on the map.



Students were offered a chance to see the nation's capital seat through a program called "Close-Up." Mr. Randy Hutchinson serves as sponsor for the trip which is attended in April.

Pupils have a chance to study and observe the branches of government in operation. They met with Oklahoma's Senators and Representatives, who gave them an Oklahoma view of national politics.

Military personnel talked armed forces strategy while representatives from lobbyist groups explained some of their techniques in getting certain legislation passed.

The government students researched each presidential candidate and they also examined the terms of office of several of the most popular and unpopular presidents of the past.

Another unique activity involved fire breaks and nuclear debate games which was followed by viewing the movie "The Day After." The trip ended all too soon

for the delegates as they headed back for Oklahoma with first hand knowledge of how our national governmental system works.

World history classes studied the early civilizations of the people of Asia, India and China. Mr. Hutchinson's classes ended the year examining the reasons for the extermination of millions of people during the holocaust.

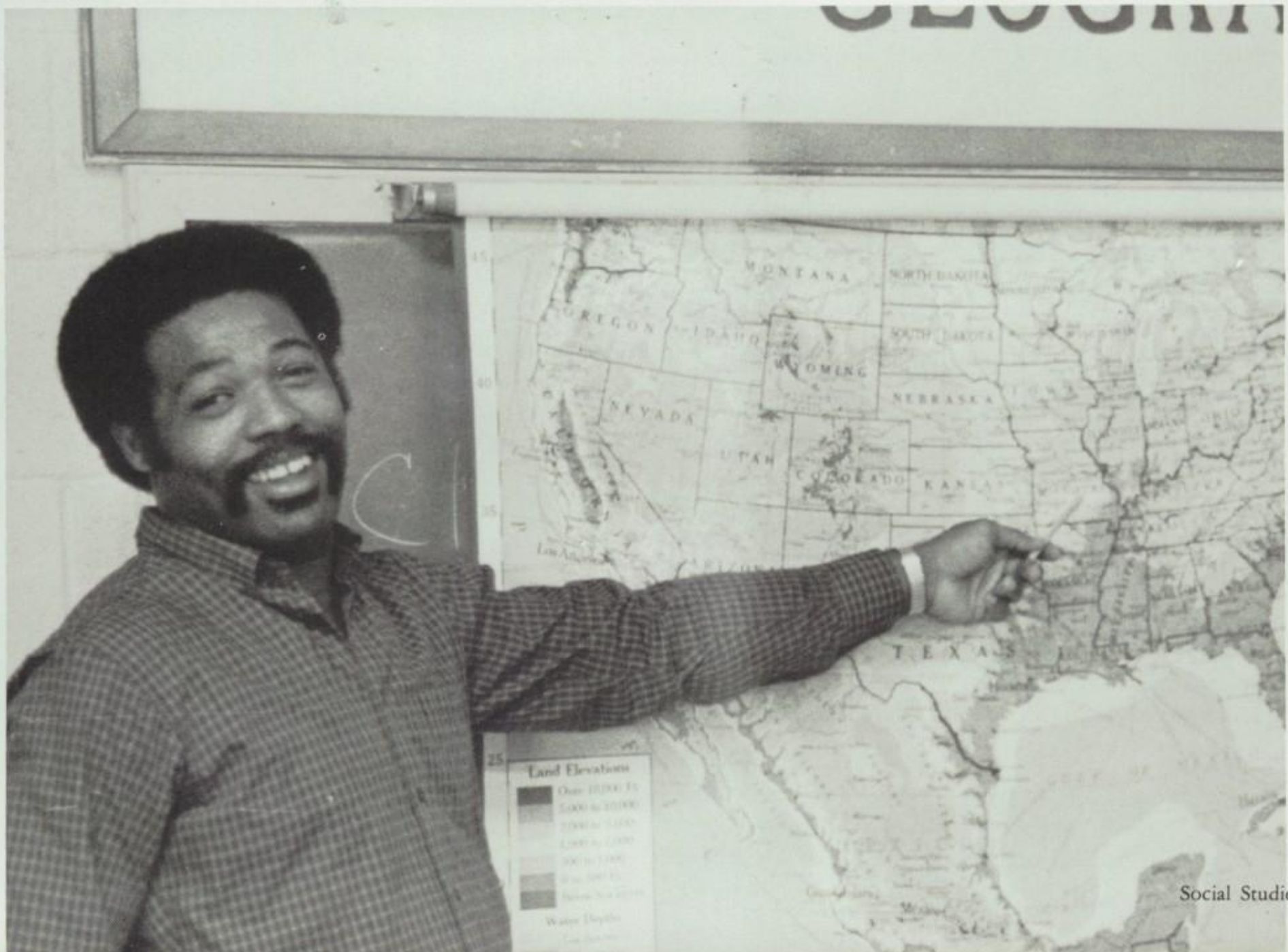
The Oklahoma history classes studied the five civilized tribes, the beginning of Oklahoma's statehood and the 77 counties in the state.

Even freshmen had time to study about our nation and state.

"Freshmen social studies was a lot harder than I had anticipated," said Maritus Tayuman.

Whether in Washington D.C. or in a social studies class in Okmulgee, students made history while making the scene.

MR. GARY CALIP IS tickled by a remark given by a student concerning Missouri. Mr. Calip taught both geography and psychology.



Bold New Discoveries

Students In Math And Science Explore Strange Formulas And Unheard Of Equations

The field of science offered a lot to students this year. The classes that were available were general science, biology, chemistry and advanced biology. Only two years of science is required for all students.

Blood labs, CPR courses, dissecting and the science fair were only part of the special activities and events that the students participated in.

Mrs. Martha Bryant's biology classes had extra activities each semester such as fall worksheets and contracts involving first aid and physical fitness. They also decorated Christmas trees with ornaments made of natural materials. Her chemistry classes constructed Christmas tree ornaments made out of glass.

During February they entered the science fair and the Oklahoma engineering fair.

Mr. Leist's first year working at Okmulgee High as one of the biology teachers was, as he said, "enjoyable but different."

His classes enjoyed working on blood labs, experiments involving the microscope, dissecting small animals and taking notes during lectures.

General science students spent a lot of time working out of the book and observing experiments. During the latter part of the year they did lab work learning how to use the microscope.

"I have learned quite a bit in my science class this year. I especially liked the experiments," stated

freshmen Kari Cross.

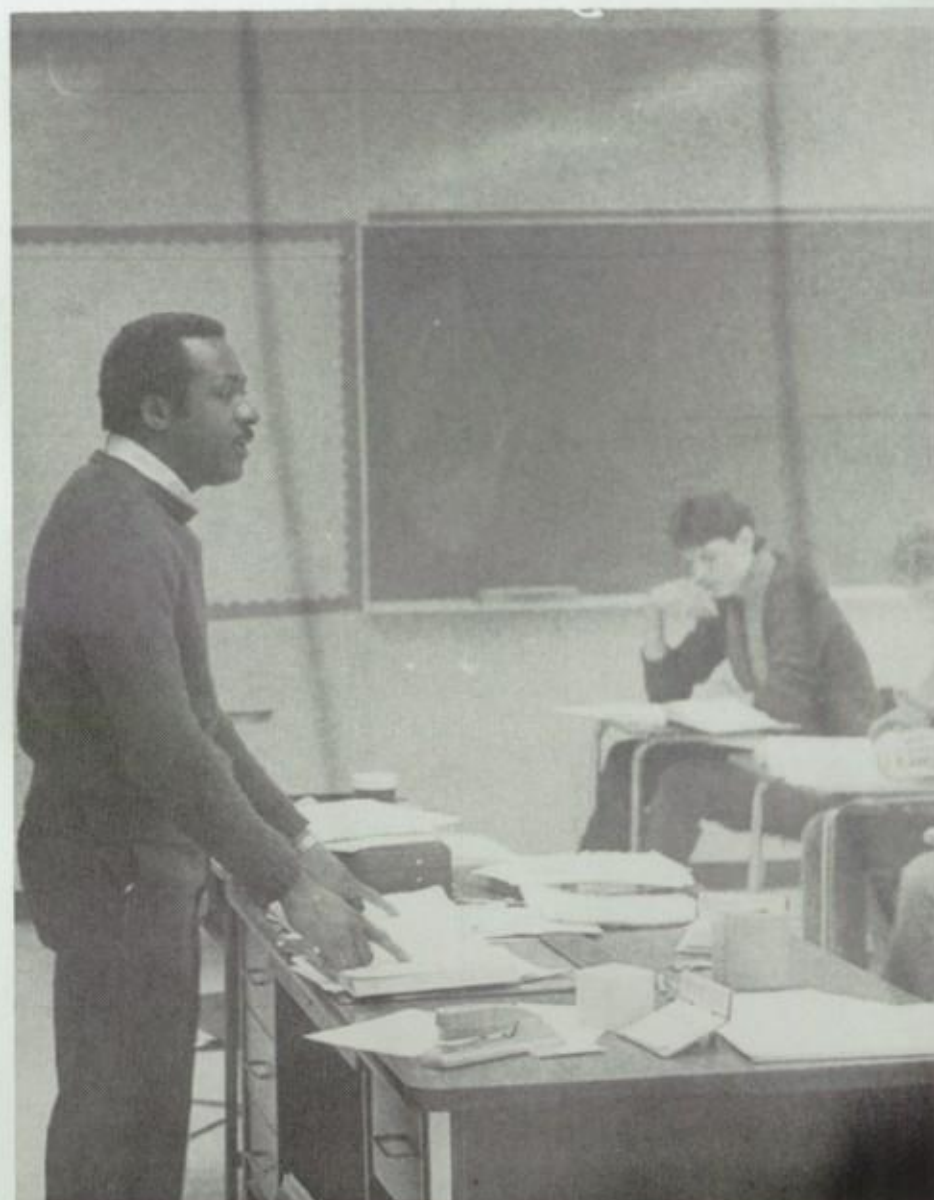
Out of all the general courses, science and math are the most closely related. From year to year, students in Algebra I Honor Classes, Geometry honor classes, Algebra II classes and trigonometry classes compete in the Oklahoma Mathematics League contest. It is a series of six contests with a time limit of thirty minutes for six problems. Then a team is formed of those students with the five highest scores. Our team score competes with other team scores in our area. The competing students are very adequately called Mathletes.

Besides the Oklahoma mathematics league contest this year students participated in contests at

Ada, Wilburton and Connors College. During the month of February, selected students also competed in the American High School mathematics examination.

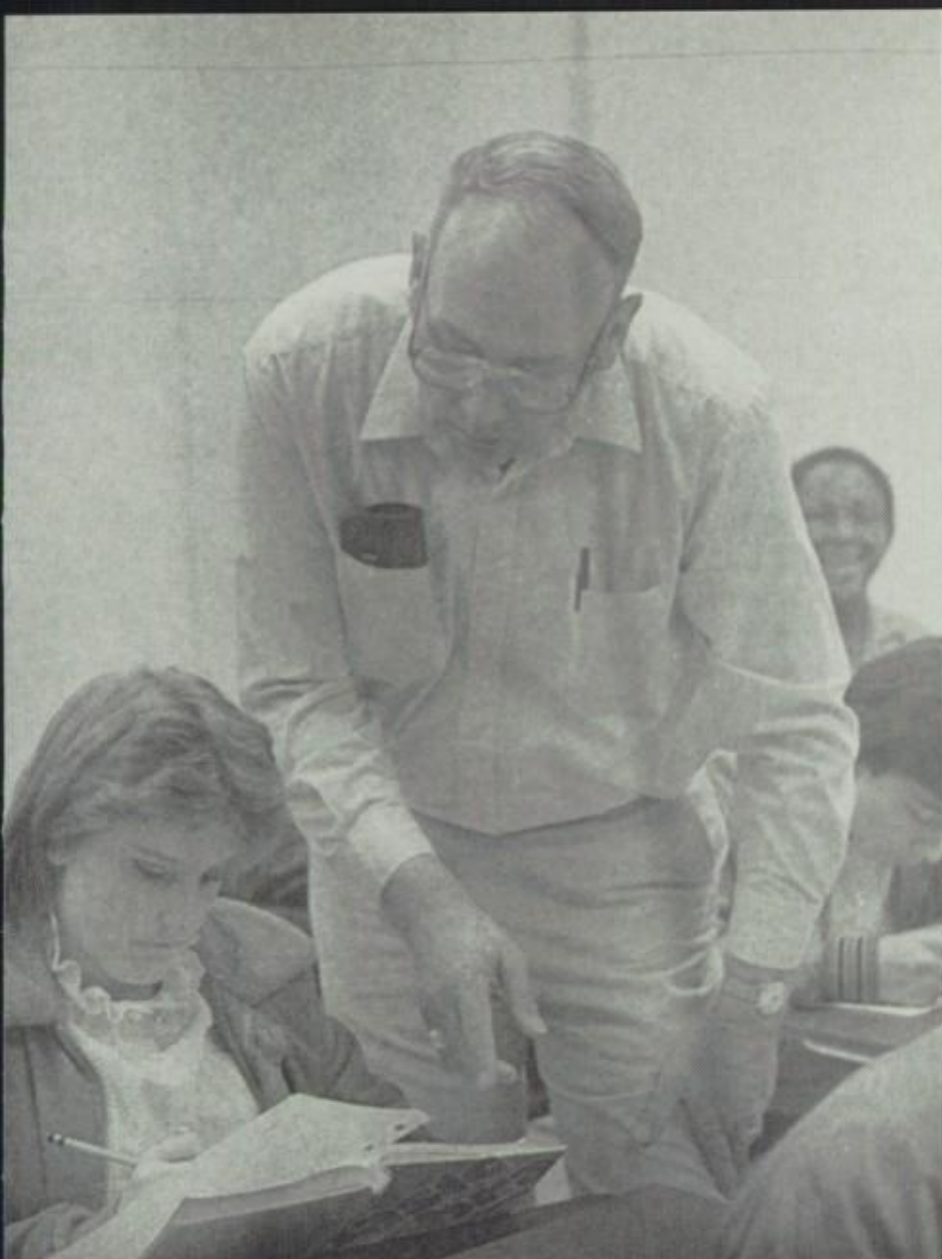
Presently a student must have two units of math to graduate. Oklahoma University and Oklahoma State University are considering a requirement for admission that a student must have three years of high school math in any of the following courses: Algebra I; geometry; Algebra II; trigonometry; math analysis or calculus.

"At the beginning of the year, my math class was really hard but I dug down into it and I think I really understand it now," said freshmen Rhonda Dutton.



SOPHOMORES PAM ALEXANDER and Becky Pitts work on a lab in Chemistry.

ALGEBRA II AND geometry teacher Mr. Whitfield talks to one of his geometry classes.



MATH TEACHER MR. BURRUSS helps Kathy Dewitt with her algebra problems.

JUNIOR JILL ROBERTSON works carefully to bend her piece of glass into proportion.



IN CHEMISTRY CLASS, Debbie Jorker heats her piece of glass so she will be able to bend it.

Overnight Success Found In Business

Business classes are a big advantage for the students of OHS. Pupils get a taste of the courses offered which include office practice, typing, accounting, computers, shorthand, and business law.

The most talked about class is business law. It gives the students an inside look on how the law works inside of a courtroom.

They also get a realization of being a judge, plaintiff, defendant, and jury. The role the students portray enhances their knowledge. Each week the courtroom is selected and it is the responsibility of the students to learn their suggested parts.

"I like business law class. It makes you feel like you are on

peoples court," said Steve Mangum.

Another popular class is typing. This class is a must for any student who plans on attending college, working in an office, or working around any type of keyboard.

Rene Weibley stated, "It helped me out in my printing class."

In college, knowing how to type is much easier on one's wallet or purse, especially if he does not have a close friend who could type the work. The average cost for a ten page report might be approximated at \$20-\$30. Now that's a lot of cash to be spending.

The most engineering type of business class that is taking over the world is computers. It's one of

the few new courses offered at OHS. Going into its second year, many students have enrolled in this class. Technology is advancing more each day so it is helpful for students to take this course. In every job field, computers are utilized in one way or another.

There are three different teachers teaching this class different hours. Mr. John Higgins, Mrs. Corine Pitts and Mr. David Tuterl are the main instructors for this course. This is Mr. Tuterl's first year at OHS as computer instructor.

"Business law is a unique class and it is very enjoyable. My mother works for a law firm and I plan to go into that area also," commented

Monty Pollard.

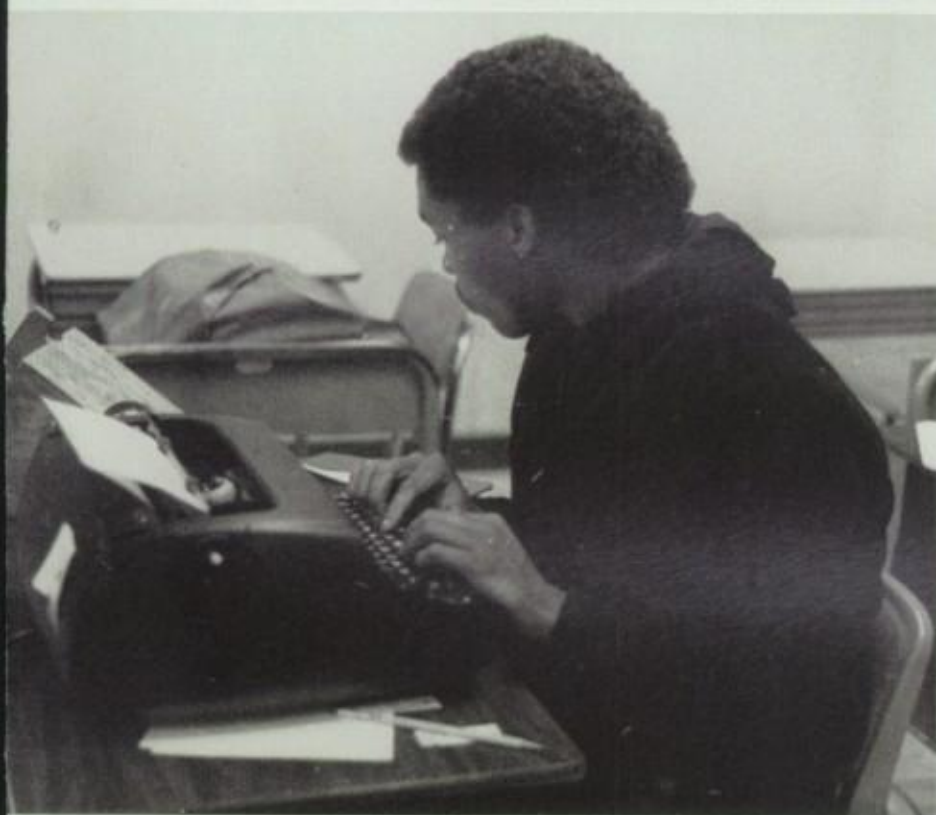
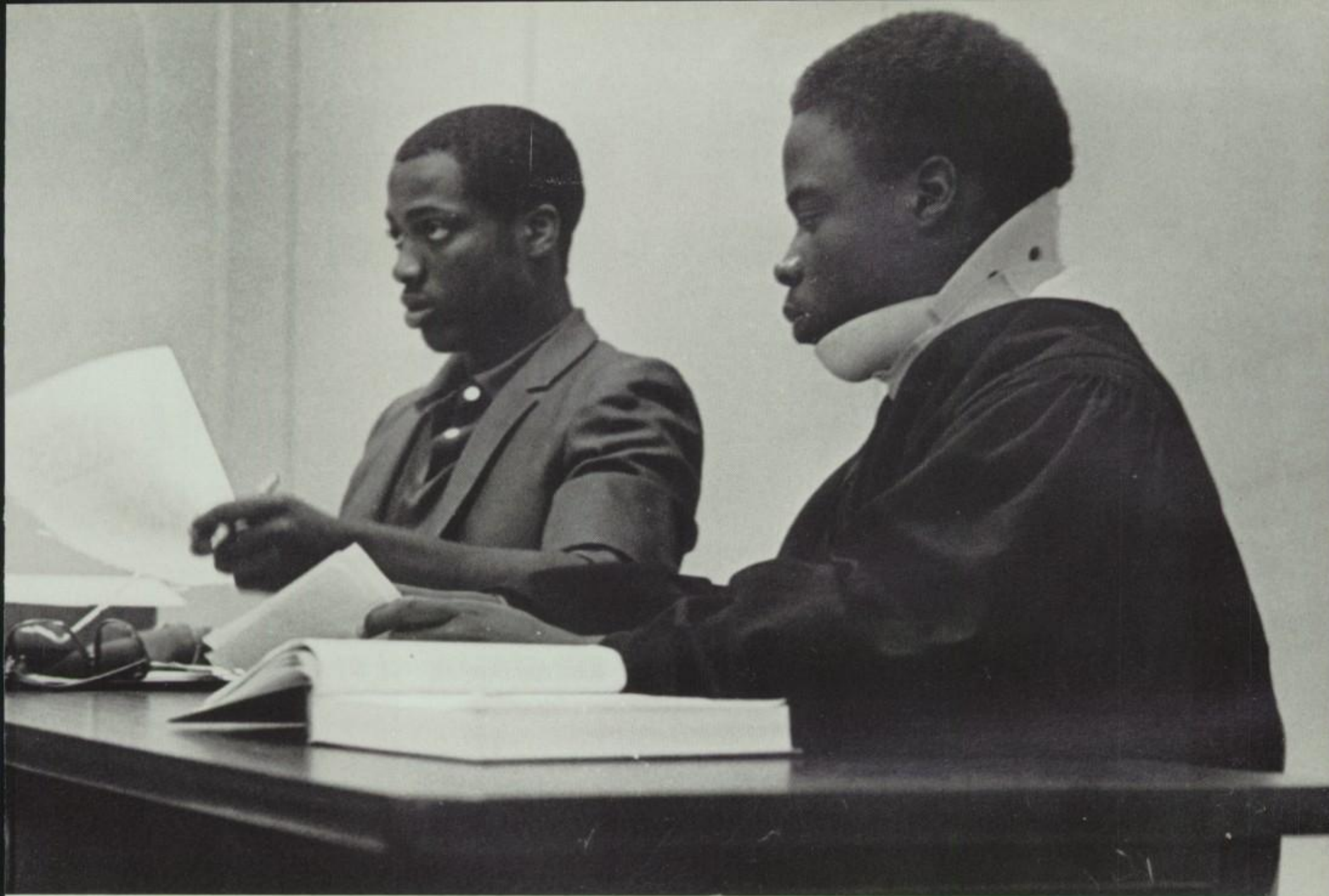
Not only was business law taught as a class but this year a team was formed to compete other schools in law practicing situations.

"Computers is very fun but it is a very complicated class when it comes to writing programs," said Mary Ingley.

Lisa Fairchild commented, "Accounting is difficult but I enjoyed it, this year shorthand has been another difficult class but I feel it will help me in the future."

Whether typing or shorthand classes, students made it their business to make the scene at OHS.





STEVE MANGUM TYPES during speed reading assignment.



MR. HIGGINS WORKS works with two students on their law cases.

FCA OFFICERS FOR 1984-85 were President Heather Nygard, Vice-President Joe Wares, Secretary Michelle Johnson, Treasurer Jennifer Smith and Membership Chairman James Alexander.

CONCERNED FACULTY AND parents meet in room 203NB during the first meeting of the ABC's.

MRS. ESTHERLENE GEE and her daughter Debbie Gee model authentic Indian costumes for Ms Montgomery's class.



DR. ROGER SELLERS talks with Gifted and Talented students about their upcoming projects and field trips.

MRS. GEE, LYNNELLE Roberts, Yvonne Bevenue, Debbie Gee, and Joe Domebo model headresses and costumes during Indian Heritage Day.

Students Work Together

Quality Built by Key Organizations Keep OHS Running Smoothly

There were many clubs and organizations who were very active this year in OHS.

JOM is an Indian Education program designed by Senators Johnson and O'Mally to help educate the disadvantaged Native American school children. This program is funded by the federal government for those students of one-fourth or more Indian blood.

The Title IV program is also funded by the federal government. The main difference in this program is that the blood quantum can be less than one-fourth.

Lynnelle Roberts said, "We have a volleyball team and sold candy bars to raise money."

The main purpose of these programs is to help the students stay in school and achieve to their potential, and also to become better citizens.

FCA stands for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This club did many things to benefit Okmulgee High School. The officers for the 1984-85 school year were: President Heather Nygard, Vice-President Joe Wares, Secretary Michelle Johnson, Treasurer Jennifer Smith, and Membership Chairman James Alexander. The meetings were usually held at Harmon Stadium or Brock Memorial Gym.

The ABCs of OHS was a parent support group whose purpose was

to support, reinforce, and promote academic excellence in Okmulgee High School in the core subjects (Science, Math, English, and Social Studies.) The officers for this organization were: President Ms. Harlan and Secretary-Treasurer Martha Bryant.

"We have 35 members which is very good for the few meetings we've had," said Mrs. Bryant.

Okmulgee High School's Gifted and Talented program is designed to enrich the intellectually superior student by stimulating a higher process of thinking.

The method employed at the high school is the "Pullout" program. This type of program allows

the student to be taken out of class to explore certain academic areas in a greater depth than that offered by the normal classroom curriculum.

Dr. Zenobia Jones, counselor, said, "Approximately 3% of the students population qualifies as gifted academically."

The Gifted and Talented Student Committee for the 1984-85 school year consisted of Fred Hensley-Chairman, Jennifer Thorman-Vice Chairman, and Pam Alexander Secretary. Other members included Don Wills, Kristin Shamas, Quannah Gee, and David Scott.





ENTERING A PEP assembly can be chaos, especially when everyone tries to go into the same door at the same time. This year the different classes entered through different doors.



LOLITA BRINKLEY and Angie Clement find ways to have fun, even in rainy weather. Friendship was an important thing to most students at Okmulgee High School.



DURING LUNCH, MONTY Pollard decides to show off his break dancing ability. Students look on but are not too surprised, for Monty's antics are a normal occurrence at OHS.

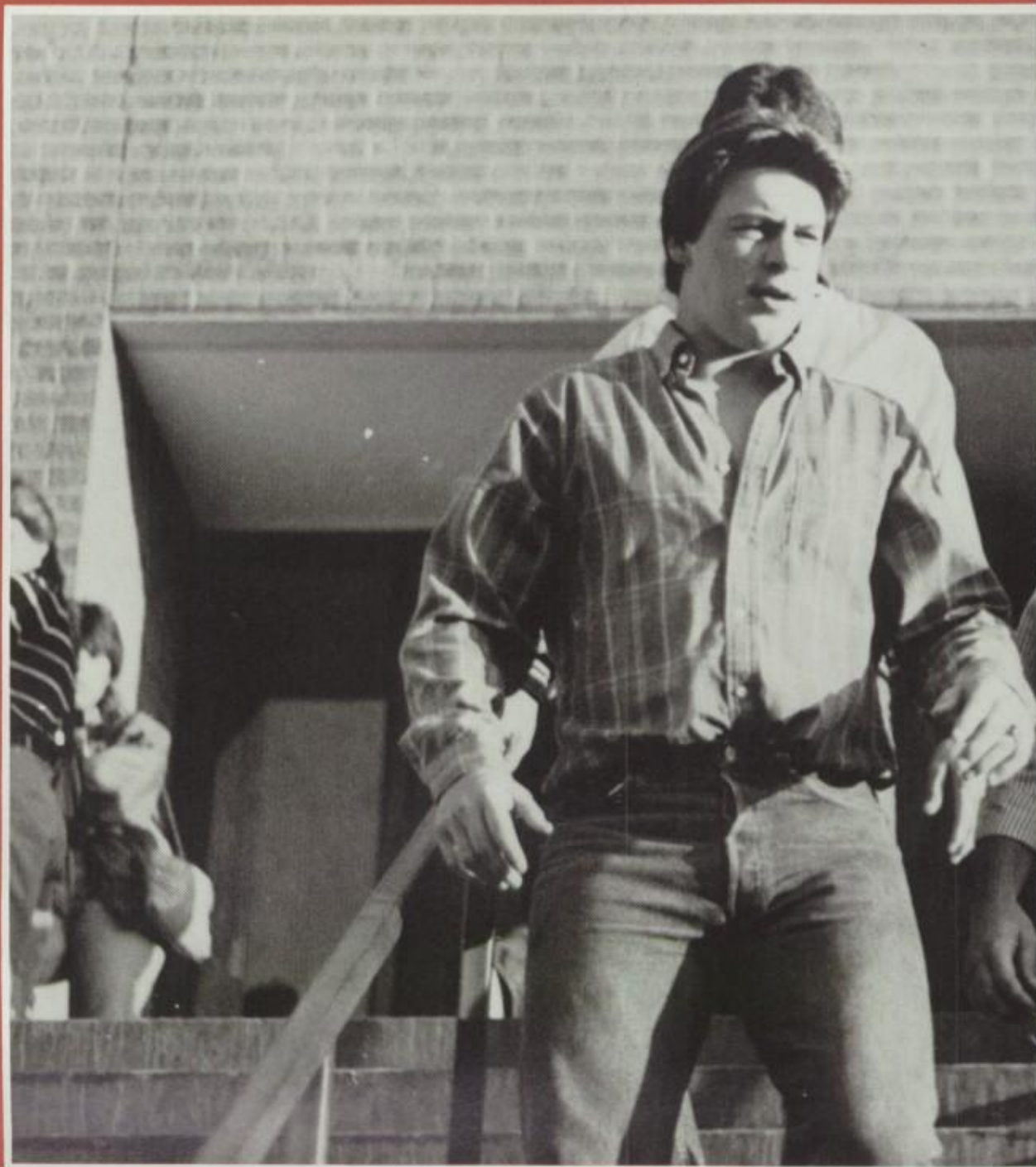


ALTHOUGH NOT DRESSED for running, Scott Fetgetter whizzes by. Scott's attire was not at all unusual for a typical Okmulgee teen, though more conservative clothing was worn, also.



A SOPHOMORE CLASS meeting provides a chance for class members to make important decisions together. Those sitting on the front row want to make sure to get a good view.

People



BRIAN ROGERS AND KENNY PAINTER, seniors, decided to use the outside stairs of the new building to get to first hour on this sunny morning. The new building also has an indoor stairway for rainy days.



Roll 'em! People, faces and personalities were all part of the hustle-bustle world of school. Names were easy to learn but easier to forget, and a few people got "lost in the crowd." New friends were always waiting to be met, but sometimes old friends drifted away. Romances came and went, but an occasional "just friends" date was fun, too. In a school of 764 people, it is possible to be acquainted with almost everyone in school, but there is usually that one person who someone would like to know better. One is always finding new people, too, and these add a little variety to the daily routine. Some faces are recognized by almost everyone, some are passed in the hall every day, often going unnoticed. People from other towns added variety, but one has to live with the people at school every day. Okmulgee has its own share of grouchers, but most teens tended to be fairly agreeable.

Each student is a member of a group of approximately 200 people that they have known and gone to school with for months, years, or possibly all of their lives. Every class exhibited its own brand of enthusiasm and personality. Slogans proclaiming a favoritism for one graduation year or another were seen everywhere; on buttons, T-shirts, and the windows of cars. Classes got together to build homecoming floats, elect officers, hold fundraisers and scream at pep assemblies. Individual, class and school pride was evident everywhere.

Seniors proclaimed dominance over the school, even though they were the fewest in number. "The class of 1985 is alive!" was a familiar slogan, and the unique senior T-shirts featured the signatures of each member of the class. The last year of high school changed many, sometimes bringing on new scholars and dropping the grades of a few. Many began to save for college or started to look for jobs. Those going to college began to collect toasters, bedspreads and televisions. A new way of life was something they would all have to adjust to soon.

Juniors accepted the many changes that came upon them as they neared "sweet 16". Cars, jobs

and new opportunities were dumped upon them with a loud "thump", along with ever-increasing responsibility. The class was responsible for the Junior-Senior Prom, and participated in several fundraisers during the year. The winning of the \$25 second place prize for best float in the homecoming parade helped a little, but much more was needed for the upcoming event. The juniors also had dances at the Middle School.

Sophomores became very involved in school organizations and activities. Despite the fact that the "in betweens" are often overlooked in remembrances of school life, they made an all-out effort to make themselves prominent. The winning of the \$50.00 first prize for best float in the homecoming parade helped also. The major portion of the band, as well as Student Council, was made up of sophomores. They got involved in school spirit activities, and some of them even dressed up for Halloween.

The freshman class (also known as "Frogmen") was the largest in school, and the halls were filled with confused newcomers for the first few weeks of classes. Soon these underclassmen became acquainted with their new way of life, however, and became important members of "the family". They tried out for school plays and many of them enrolled in extracurricular activities such as tennis.

Teachers and administrators led their own lives also, even with the mounds of paperwork and numerous problems of running a school system. They did not get as many free days as students did, for faculty members must work during vacations for teachers' meetings and report card conferences. Many teachers also worked at home grading papers and planning classes. Holidays and a few weekends were often the only free time teachers had for non-school activities. They used this free time to its full extent, spending time with families or traveling to interesting places.

News travels fast in Okmulgee, and false rumors do get started. But judging from the news around now, everyone, whatever the classification, was . . .

== Making The Scene ==

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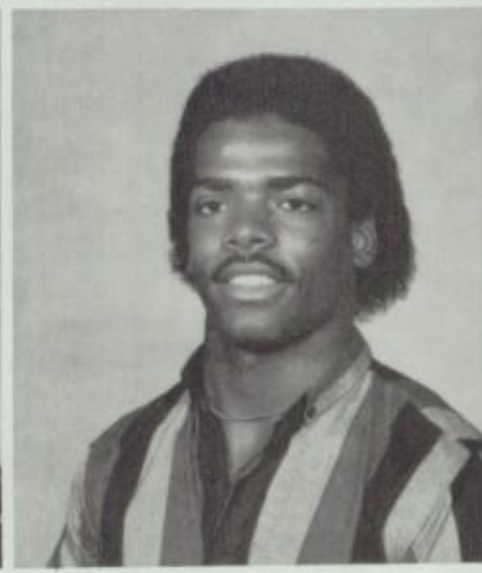
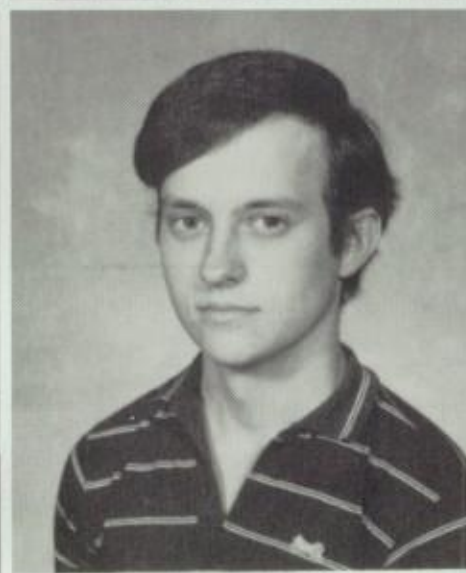
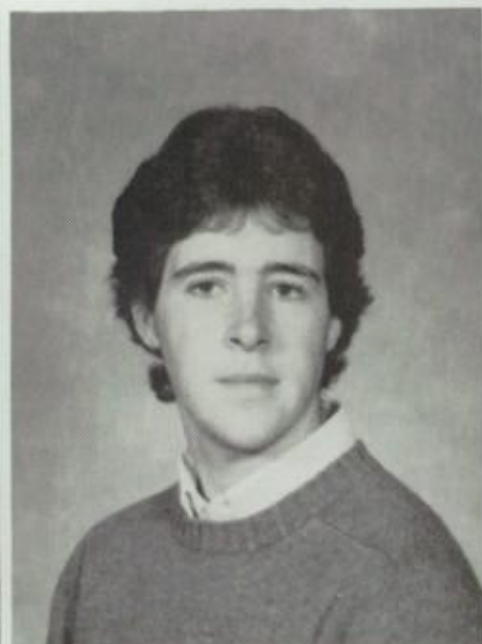
Ahlstrom, Timothy-
Freshman Football, Band,
Speech, School Productions,
ICE.

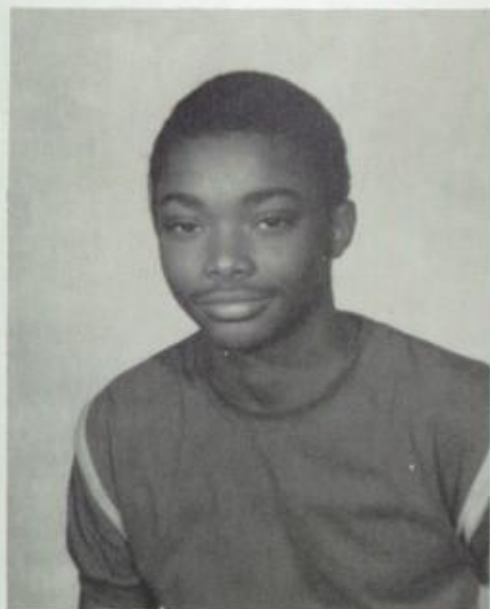
Alexander, James- Band,
Senior Drum Major, Jazz
Band, FCA, Vice-president of
NHS, President of National
Forensic League, Speech,
School Productions, Student
of the Month, Boys State,
McDonald's All American
Band nominee.

Anderson, Teletha- Queen,
Parliamentarian and Historian
for VICA, Track, Basketball,
Cheerleader.

Baldrige, Wendall

Barker, David- Football,
Track and Basketball.

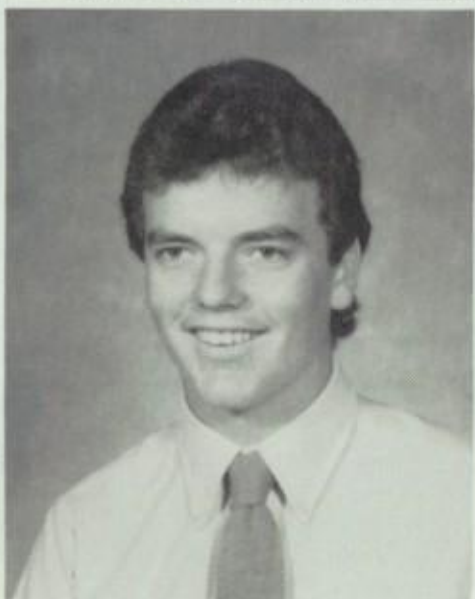




Barnett, Bob

Barnett, LaDonna- Treasurer of NHS, Torchlight Newspaper Staff, Photography, Secretary of VICA, VICA Sweetheart Attendant.

Bell, Sheila



Bird, Anthony- Football, Track, FFA, Junior Class Vice-President, Student Council.

Blanchard, Peter- AFS, Spanish Club, Mathletes, Student Council.

Bortisser, Sherry- FFA.

Seniors, Seniors, Seniors

This year's election for the senior class officers was won by three young women who showed great promise as leaders of the senior class. "The officers for the 1984-85 school year are Joyce Powdrill, President; Nancy Perry, Vice President; and Dawn Howell, Secretary," was the announcement that came over the intercom. These three were the selected few that would lead this class in their final year of high school.

At the first meeting these young ladies told the seniors what type of ideas they had for fundraisers and hoped they wouldn't get too much feedback from people who didn't like their ideas. Nevertheless this was part of their responsibility as leaders to offer their ideas, accept criticism, and also accept ideas

from others.

"It's a tough job but someone has to do it. I feel Joyce, Nancy, and Dawn have the backbone for it," said Detra Hammond.

"We had a lot of fun ideas for fundraisers and everyone participated and helped get the ideas off the ground and into reality. I had a chance to show my abilities as a leader," stated Joyce Powdrill. It was shown that their leadership, as a whole, was not in vain.

"We wanted this year to be the best because it is our last. Thankfully we accomplish a lot with everyone's help", said Nancy Perry. One's senior year is the best year of his life and that's what our leaders proved to the entire student body.

Senior class officers have more responsibility than any other class officer. They have the responsibility of ordering senior T-shirts and graduation announcements. A lot of their spare time is spent on trying to decide what will be best for the senior class. Many of their

ideas are different from the eyes of the past graduating class.

"It was hard work but I detected some fun in it. It was a new experience for me but I enjoyed sharing my ideas with others," Dawn Howell said.

The senior year, as well as the first three years of high school, can be fun, but it takes cooperation from the leaders and the student body. One can't get the job done without the other. Lending a hand to class leaders was commonplace amongst senior peers and it helped to take some of the pressure off of the officers' backs.

"I enjoyed listening to my classmates so that I could make the best decision for everyone," stated Joyce.

Making the class the best took determination. It was done with everyone's effort and willingness to help.

Putting the best foot forward in order to make the senior class the best took the effort of everyone.

Not just a few people can do the job alone. The leaders that were chosen by the class of '85 ran for election because they felt that they could do the job of making the class number one. There was no disappointment in their leadership ability, however; there were several ups and downs in the duties of representing the class, but the officers have showed their determination by counter-acting all of the sidetracks that have come in their way.

"A woman's job is in the home," is a common old statement, but Joyce, Nancy, and Dawn have proved that theory wrong. These young women have what it takes to get the job done. Seeing these three holding the top positions in the senior class should inspire all young females in attempting high goals in their lives. For indeed the record will show that these officers help the seniors of '85 make the scene.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS Dawn Howell, Nancy Perry, and Joyce Powdrill have a tough time deciding on which style of announcements to select for graduation.

The Nicer Things In Life

From T-shirts To College Expenses, It Pays To Be A Senior

Being a senior is a costly ordeal. Many parents dread the idea of their once "little baby" becoming a senior, not only because they're leaving home, but also because they have to pay the expensive cost of their child being a senior.

The expenses begin anywhere from the senior T-shirt to clothes for college. Senior T-shirts cost \$11.50, graduation announcements may start as cheap as \$15 and go to \$150, senior pictures may be priced as low as \$155, whereas a cap and gown is a bargain at \$14 (wait until 10 years from now).

Then there is the anxiously awaited prom, which accounts for more investments. A rented tuxedo is valued at \$60 for the use of one night, whereas the appraisal for an evening gown is approximately \$150. Last but not lest, prom tickets for two average \$16.

If one is member of the Nation-

al Honor Society, there is a payment of \$15 for the collars to be worn over the graduation gown.

All of this added together comes to \$418.50, however, that is not the end of the list. If a senior plans to attend college, there are fees for applications, (\$10 average) and clothes for college, which can range from \$135 to \$500.

So far we have not mentioned the private life of a senior. Students enjoy going to the movies, and out to eat. Of course this costs money for gas, meals and tickets which total \$40-60 a week.

Therefore, being a senior is not all fun and games-it is a extravagant, expensive role to play.

EATING OUT CAN be fun but it can also be expensive. Cynthia Jacobs, Lisa Fairchild and Tammi Hollier stop for a bite to eat at the local McDonalds.



Brant, Mark- Football.

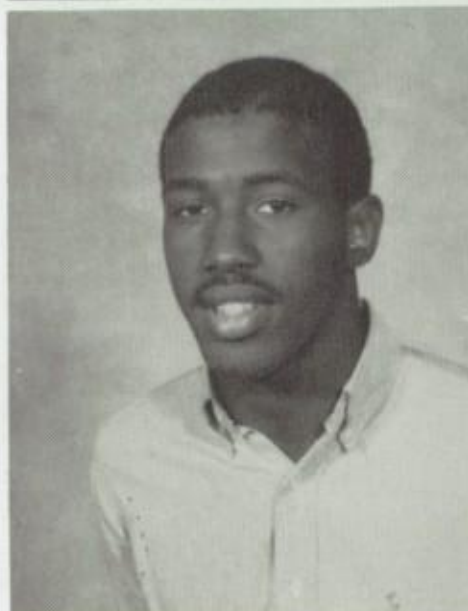
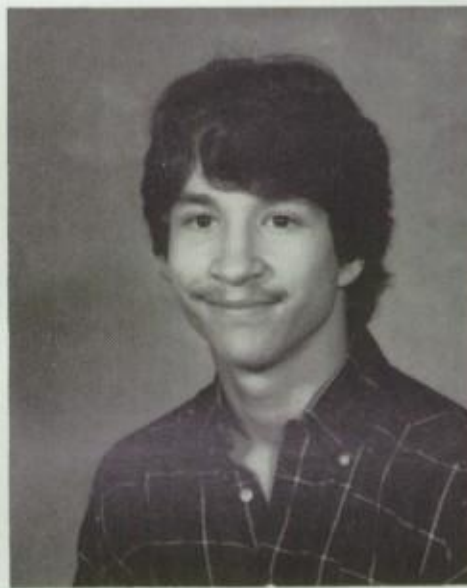
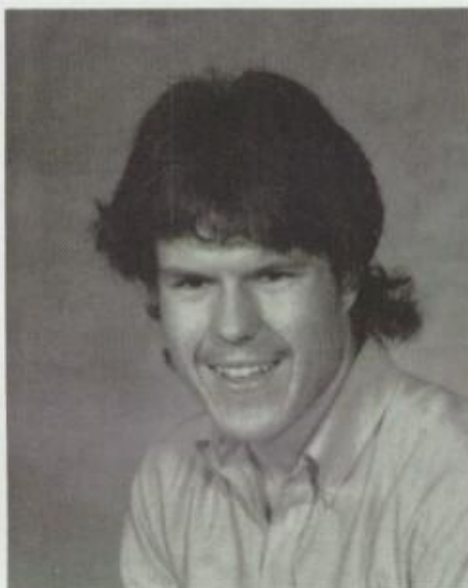
Brewer, Willis- VICA, Art Club, Creative Writing.

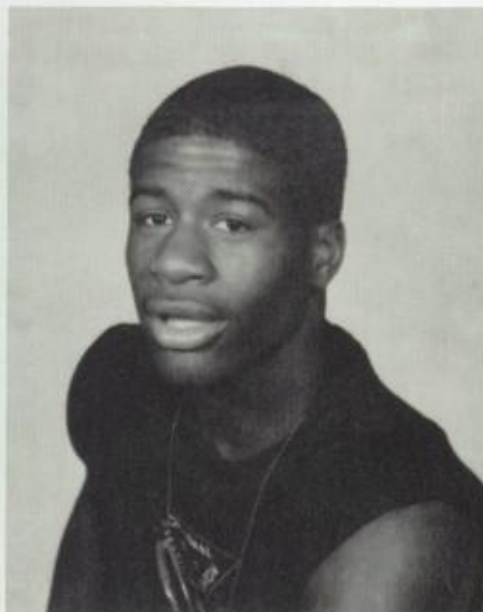
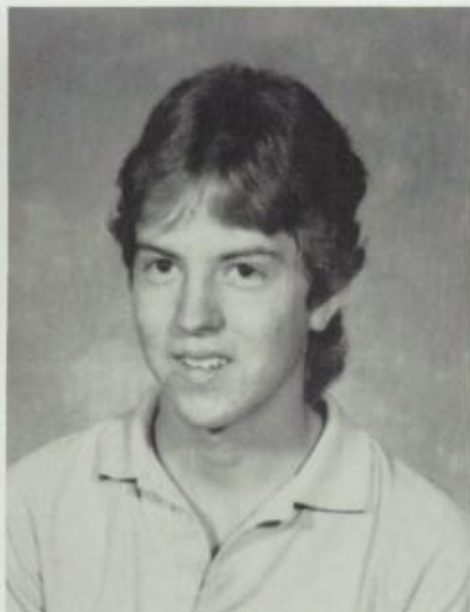
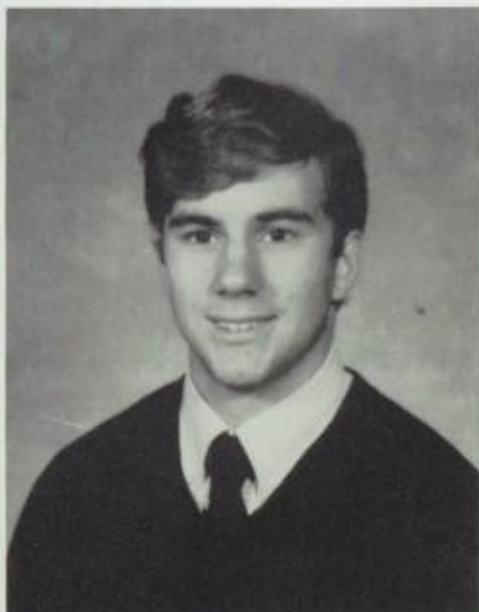
Briscoe, Tammy- NHS, FBLA, AFS, Spanish Club.

Brown, Tommy- Student of the Month, Basketball, Football, Track, Weightlifting.

Brumfield, Pamela- Photographer, Matmaid.

Bull, Renee- Honor Roll, Mathletes, Spanish Club, FBLA.

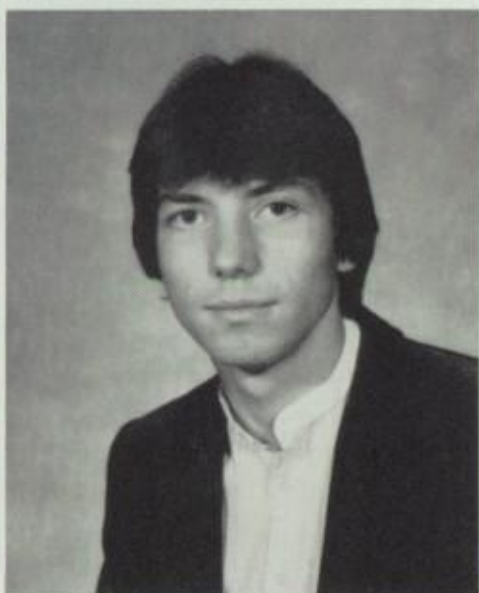




Burton, Stephen- Vice President of NFL, School Productions, Speech, Keynotes, Freshman Football, Golf, Weightlifting.

Christerson, Eric- Honor Roll, Student Council, Spanish Club, Photographer.

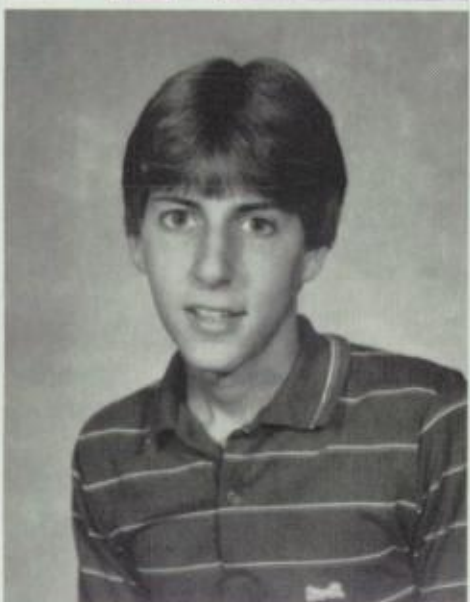
Cooks, Tyrone- Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball.



Corn, Charlie- FFA.

Craig, Andre- FFA, Basketball, Track, Football, Weightlifting.

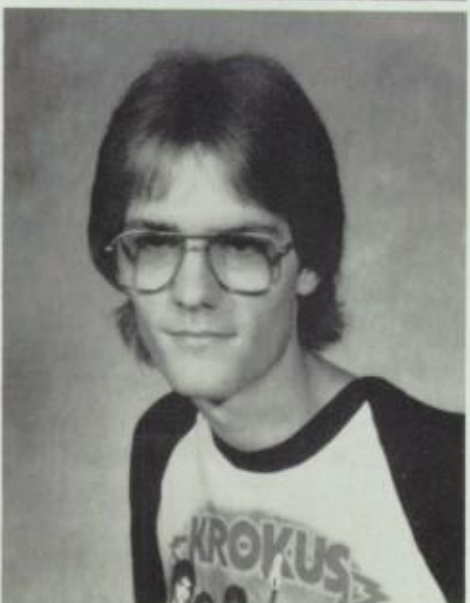
Crook, Ray- Football, Wrestling, Boys State.



Cummings, Carolyn- Chorus, Woodwork.

Curtis, Robert- Band.

Downing, Tammy- Spanish Club, FCA, Cheerleader.



Drew, Sherry- Basketball, CVET, Spanish Club.

Edmonds, Donald- Keynotes, FFA, School Productions, Chorus.

Ellis, Tim- Track.

Fairchild, Lisa- Student Council, FCA, Track, Basketball, Spanish Club, Torchlight, Yearbook, Cheerleader.

Fleming, Tamara- Spanish Club, Tennis, Drafting, Honor Roll.

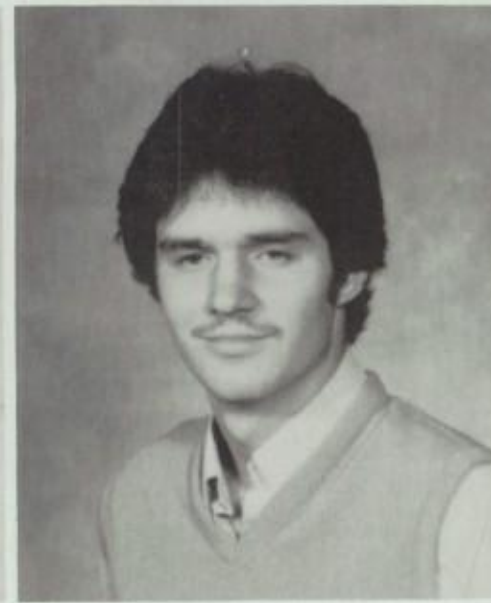
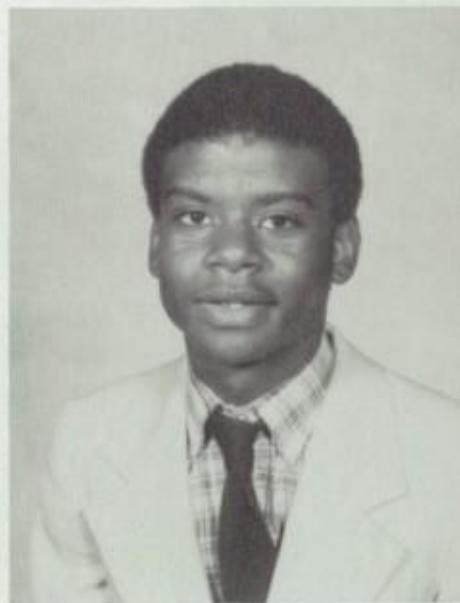
Finley, Sherry



Ford, Pamela- Honor Roll, French Club.

Ford, Prentice- Business Law.

Fowler, Paul- Basketball.



Catch Our New Class Act

Welcoming Freshmen On The Scene Remains A Constant Drama For Seniors

Beware FROSH! was the statement signed by the senior class. At the beginning of the year, seniors gathered in front of Brock, as part of tradition, to welcome the incoming freshmen.

"It's something we accept as part of OHS," stated Teletha Anderson. Every Okmulgee oriented freshman saw these welcoming signs and one day they will be the ones doing the welcoming.

Sometimes the shoe polish writing can be mistaken for "Lovers Roll Call." The upperclassmen want that special someone to be known to everyone. "It's a good feeling to see Bubba Thorman's name on the windows of Brock, even though we've been going together for awhile," said Samantha Merriman.

With all of the threatening words written on Brock Memorial,

the freshmen somehow realize that the seniors are simply inviting them to take part in school activities, because this will soon be considered as their second home.

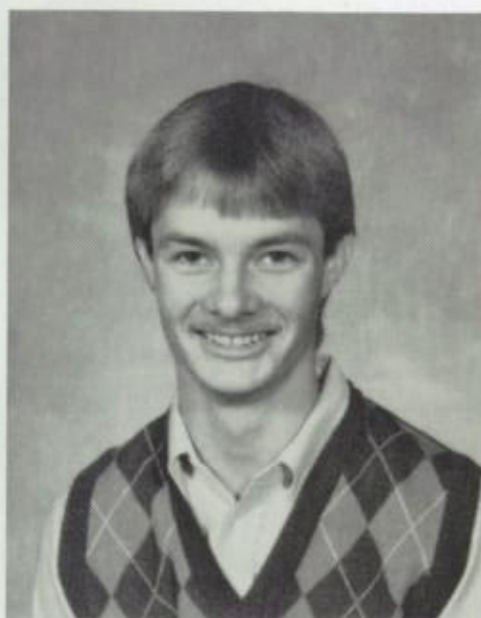
Although, last year the seniors took their welcoming to the extremes by writing on the sidewalks, the class of '85 settled for a better way of greeting the freshmen. The white shoe polish is easily wiped off, so there was no expensive cleaning involved in removing the signs.

Seniors have reached the top and they have the responsibility to show underclassmen the perfect example of being a superior high school student. Seniors are always being watched by the underclassmen and welcoming the freshmen on the scene at OHS will live on forever.



HEATHER NYGARD, SENIOR basketball player is very convenient when it comes to those hard to reach places.

SENIOR RENEE BULL has sleepy eyes from the unaccustomed early morning alarm.



Frederick, David



Frederick, Janna - Tennis.



Gislason, Amy- NHS,
Mathletes, FBLA, AFS,
Spanish Club.

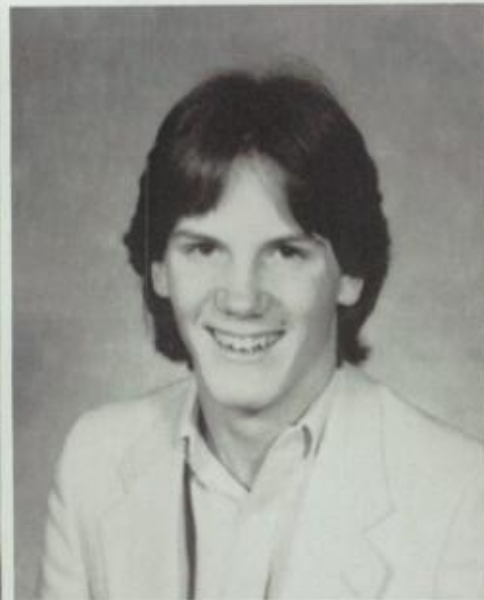
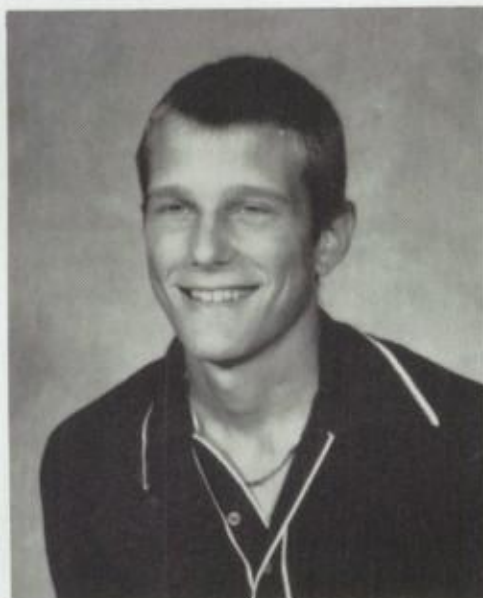


Giulioli, Kelly- Track,
Basketball, ICE.

Glass, Mike- Football,
Baseball.

Goodvoice, Angela- French
Club, Track.

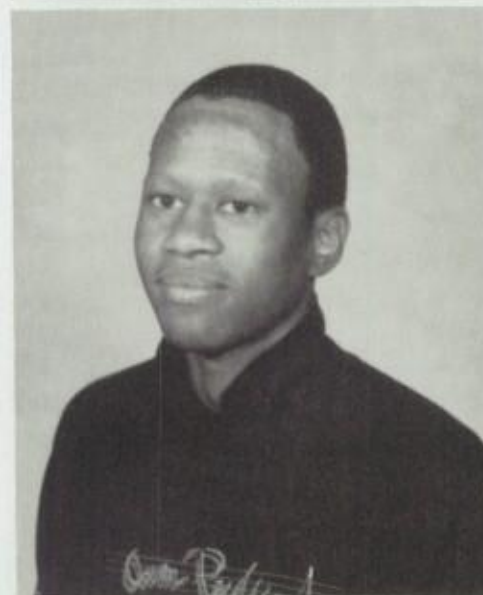
Graham, Chris- Varsity
Golf, Creative Writing, Editor
of "Creations", Editor-in-
Chief Torchlight Newspaper,
Student Council, Ninth Grade
Football.



Grant, Chester- Basketball,
Weightlifting.

Gray, Bobbie- Spanish Club.

Hammond, Mark-
Wrestling, Track, Cross
Country.



Hammon, Shanna-
Basketball, Track, PowderPuff.

Hammond, Detra-
Basketball, Track, PowderPuff.

Harris, Alicia

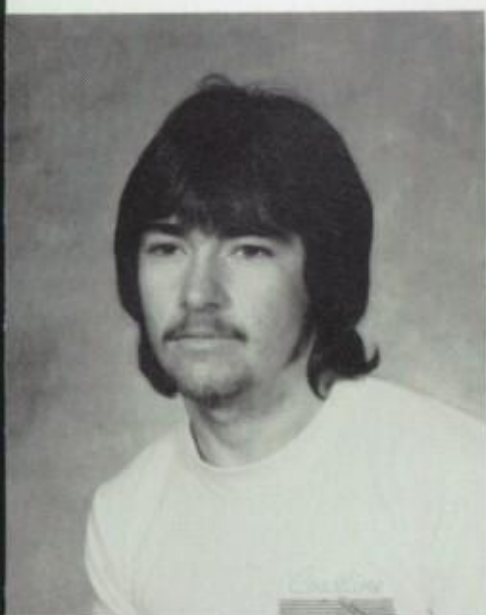


Harris, Mia- Varsity
Basketball, Cheerleader.

Haygood, Norvis- Spanish
Club, Track, JV and Varsity
Basketball, Weightlifting, Pep
Club.

Henderson, Phyllis





Hinshaw, George- Drafting, Woodworking.

Hoggans, Angela- Varsity Basketball, Track.

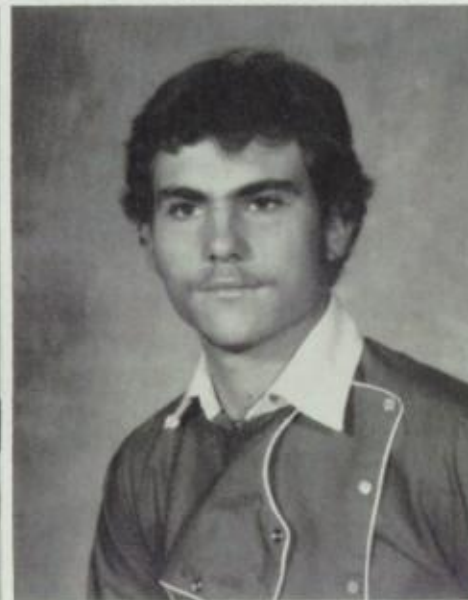
Howell, Dawn- Secretary of Senior Class, Varsity Cheerleader, Captain of Cheerleaders, Co-Editor of Torchlight Yearbook, Honor Roll, Mathletes, Spanish Club, FCA, Student of the Month, Who's Who American High School Students.



Huffman, LaDana- VCHE, Vice President of HERO, Student Council, Sophomore and Junior Class Secretary.

Ingley, Rebekah- Band, Secretary of Keynotes, Spanish Club, Student Council, Advertising Manager for Torchlight Newspaper, School Productions, Honor Roll.

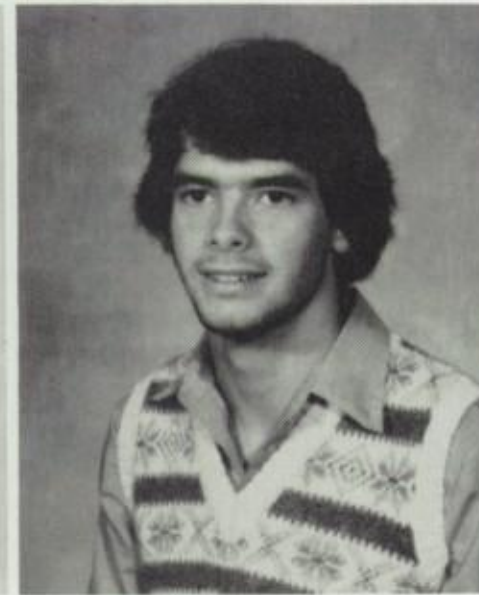
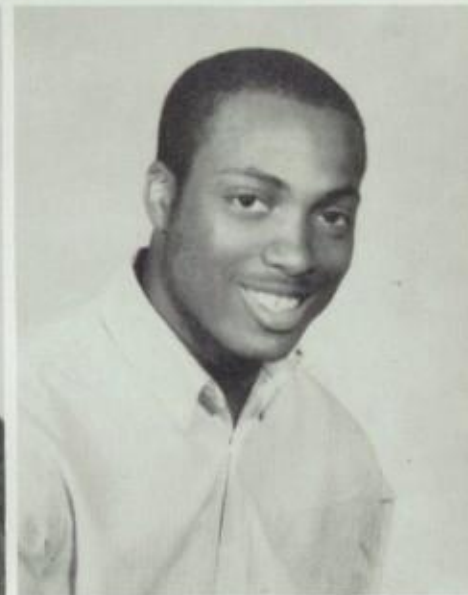
Jacobs, Cynthia- Varsity Basketball, Spanish Club, Sports Editor for Torchlight Yearbook.



Jacobs, George- FFA, School Productions, Drama Club, Computer Club, Honor Roll.

James, Bryan- FFA, Carpentry.

James, Mike- Track, Football, Basketball, Baseball.



James, Pam- Spanish Club, Band, Band Queen.

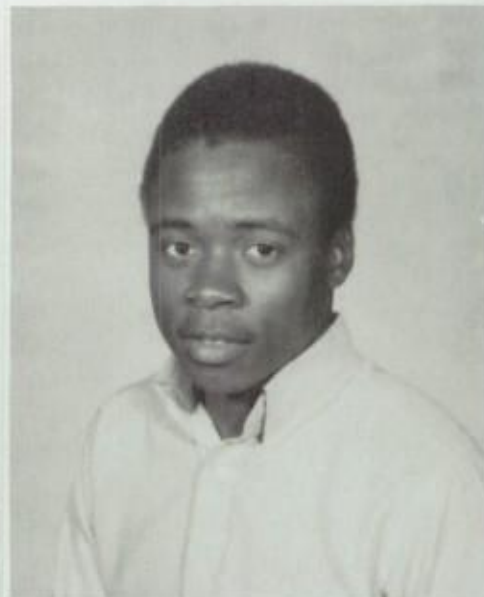
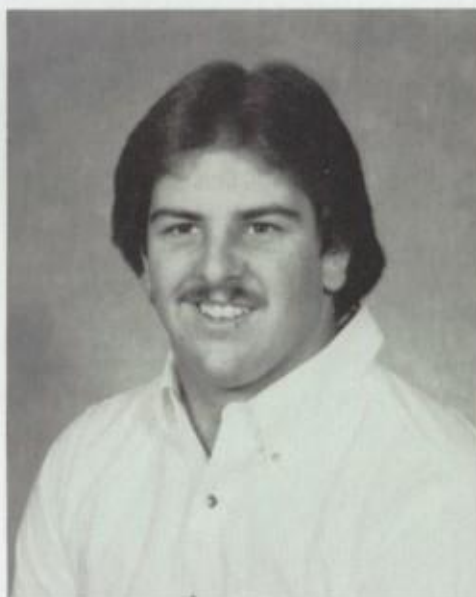
James, Rodney- Business Law, Football, Track, Basketball.

Jennings, David- Football, Golf, Weightlifting, Photographer, Keynotes, Speech, School Productions, Freshmen Class President.

Johnson, David- Football
Track, Wrestling,
Weightlifting, Bench Press
Club.

Jones, Keith

Jones, Micheal- Varsity
Football, Weightlifting,
Freshmen Basketball and
Track.



Jones, Thomas- School
Productions, Band, Spanish
Club, Drama, Speech, Creative
Writing, Creations Staff.

Kelley, Andrea- Keynotes

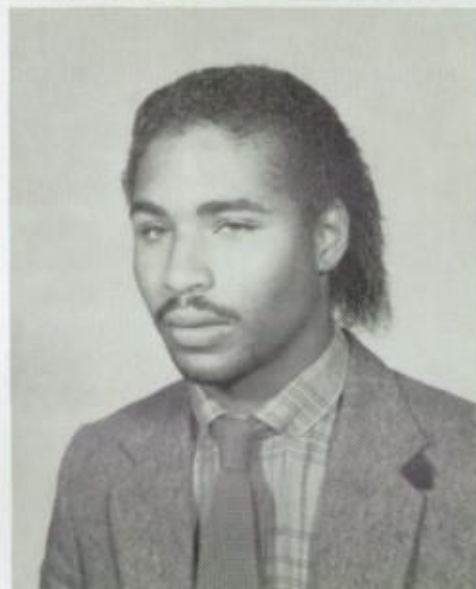
Kennedy, Dana- FHA, Pep
Club, Chorus.



LeBlanc, Gary- Boys State,
Football, Basketball, Track,
President of FFA, President of
VICA.

Lee, Steve- Student Council,
FFA, Keynotes.

Lewis, Barbara- Basketball,
Track, ICE.

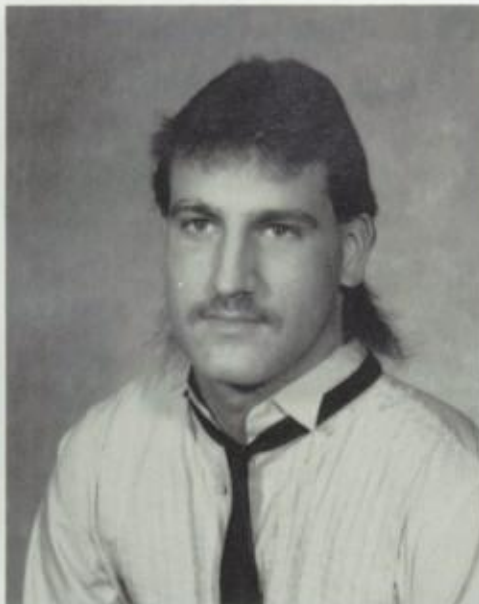
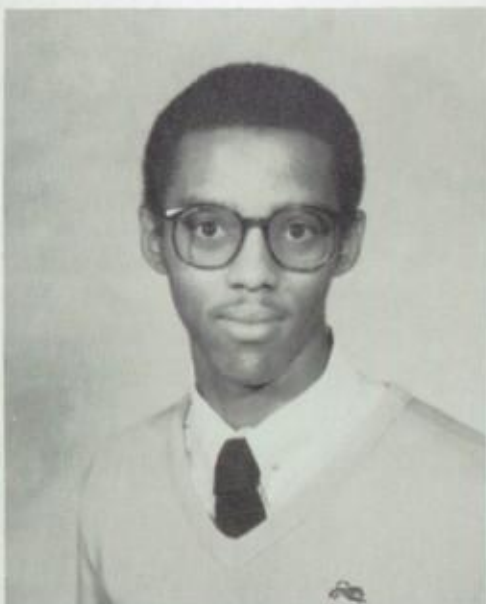


Lewis, Dyan

Livingston, Leslie- AFS,
Spanish Club, Chorus, FBLA.

Lucas, Lisa- French Club.





Lyons, Andre- Freshmen
Baseball, Football.

Mack, Sandra- Basketball,
Track, Torchlight Yearbook
Staff.

Magliocco, Bruce- Baseball,
Soccer, Basketball.



Magnuson, Robert-
President of Student Council,
Debate, NFL, Managing
Editor of Torchlight
Newspaper, Mathletes, French
Club, Track, Soccer, Varsity
Basketball, FCA, Honor Roll,
JV and Varsity Football, Boys
State, Student of the Month.

Mangum, Steve- Freshmen
Vice President, Basketball,
Football, Baseball, Student
Council Representative.

Marak, Kim- Spanish Club,
Art Club, Golf Queen,
Homecoming Queen.

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

Colleges, Universities, Armed Forces Help Seniors Make Career Choices

Representatives from numerous colleges and universities in Oklahoma came to Oklahoma State Tech, to present the many options of attending their school and discuss the pros and cons of a few careers.

Rene Weibley said, "It was a very rewarding experience, and it helped me to pick out the right career and college for me."

Estimates placed the number of high school seniors from Okmulgee and surrounding counties on the OST campus at well over 500. This was the 24th annual College/Career Day held at OST in November.

"It was a change of pace from my regular school schedule and it

was very interesting," said Samantha Merriman.

This day worked as an advantage for everyone, for it allowed students to see what scholarships and financial aid was available. Some colleges gave students an approximate amount on how much money they will be spending their first in year in college. Tuition and housing share the largest amounts in college spending. There is truly a big difference between high school and college. The representatives were there to prepare the "freshman" for their new life.

The armed forces also had their part in this informative day. For those who had not planned on entering college or working, this was the place to be. The recruiters were there to help the undecided look at options in learning and training in the Navy, Army, Air Force or Marines.

LADONNA BARNETT ENJOYS her selections of colleges during the Senior Career Day at OST.



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The representatives helped to answer any questions asked about basic training, the many fields available, and about the overall system. The motto of the armed forces- "We need YOU!" -was set in the minds of all who were ready to enter this new world of challenges.

Mike James stated, "It told me alot about what I had to do to get into college."

Certain procedures were to be followed and these representatives were there to answer any question

that did not come out or was not made clear in their presentation. Being a freshman is not much fun for anyone, but it's all a part of life to start from the bottom of the ladder. Accepting a new part of life begins with the student and it is the duty of a senior to be able to carry on without constant supervision. Starting at the level of a freshman in college is certainly a way to prove that one is able to make it on his own as an individual. But, being a freshman can have its advantages, it allows one more

independence.

This intense day began at 9:30 a.m. with three different sessions for a chance to talk to the college representatives. The seniors had an hour for lunch starting at noon. Career discussions opened at 1 p.m. An assortment of career workers took out time from their busy schedule to talk to these seniors and tell them what to expect in their field of work. These sessions were there to help the ones who had already decided on what type of career they wanted to enter.

This active day ended at approximately 2:05 p.m. Seniors from Okmulgee and surrounding areas left OST with a very positive attitude toward what they wanted to do. Whether their choice of living was to deal with a college career, entering the armed forces, or just working, they had the information that they needed for having a set attitude toward what they were going to achieve. This intense day had achieved its goal and now it is time for the seniors to achieve their goals.

Mayberry, Roshelle- Honor Roll, Spanish Club, CVET, VICA.

Mays, Lisa- Spanish Club, FBLA.

McDade, Mark- Football, Basketball, Baseball, Weightlifting, Senior Senator.

McDade, Winfred- Basketball.

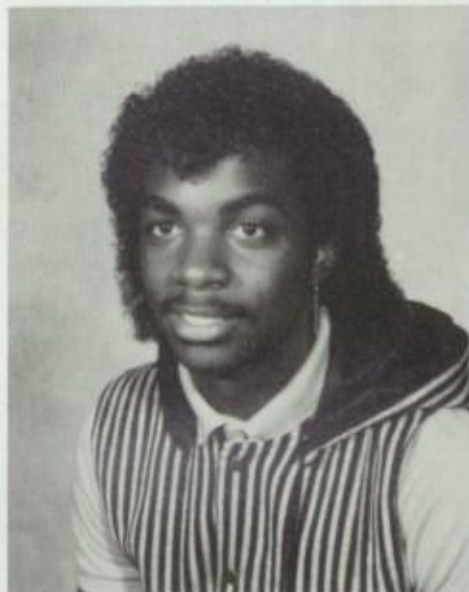
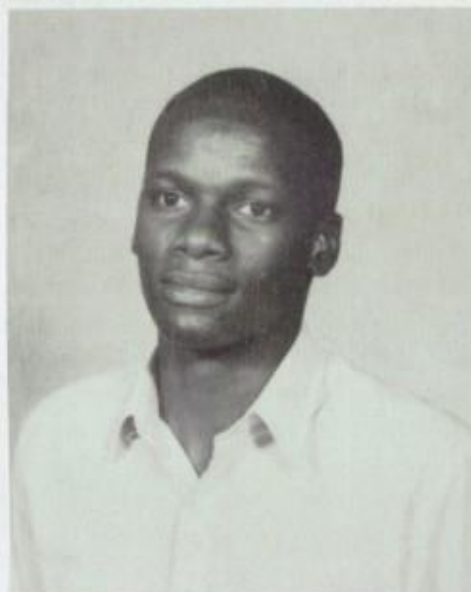
McDaniel, Sean- Freshmen Football.

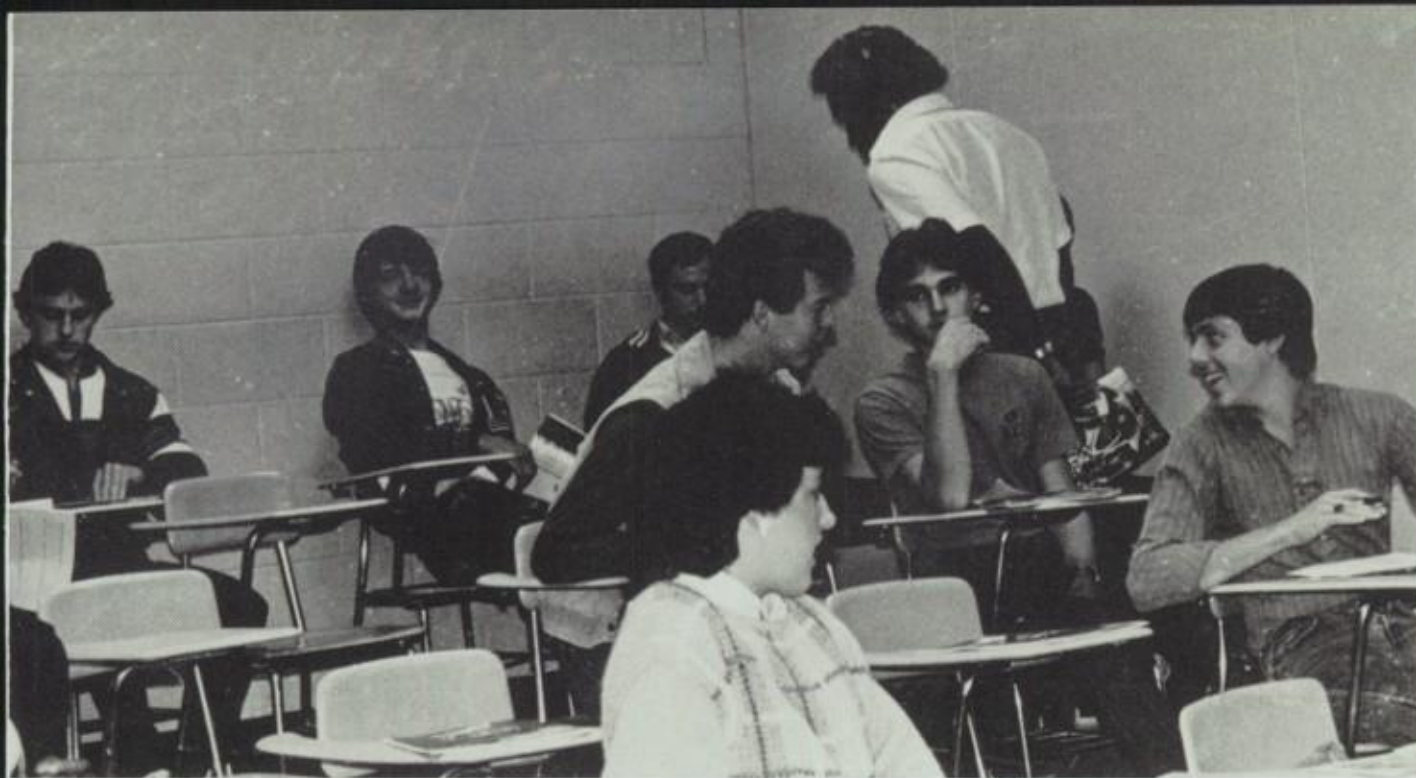
McDaniel, Dana- Chorus, VICA, Spanish Club.

McElhannon, Eddie- School Productions, Chorus, President of Keynotes.

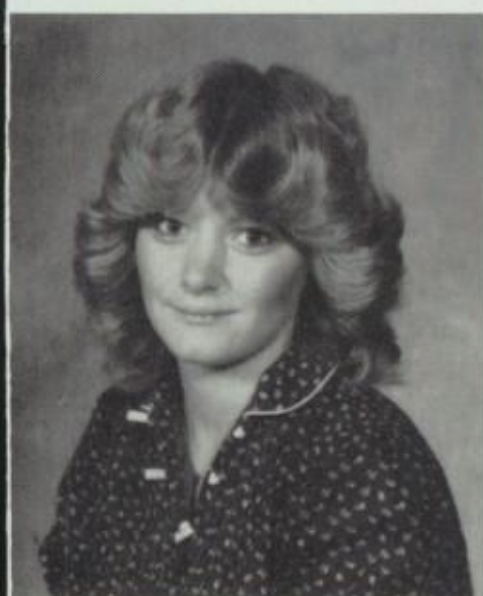
McFalls, Quanton- Honor Society, CVET, Spanish Club.

David McGuire





SENIORS PREPARE TO listen as a spokesperson for a Northeastern Oklahoma State University present facts and information about that university.



McMurrian, Tina



McNac, Paula



Merriman, Sammantha -
Varsity Cheerleader,
Torchlight Yearbook Staff.



Miles, Lois - JV Cheerleader,
Track, Basketball.



Mills, Darren- Band, Tennis.



Montgomery, Shellie -
Torchlight Yearbook Staff,
Basketball, Track.



Morgan, Bridgett -
Torchlight Newspaper Staff.



Morgan, Kenneth - Band,
Keynotes, School Productions.



Morris, Danny - Freshman
Football and Basketball,
Photographer.

Morrow, Terry-Football,
Track, Speech, Production,
Shop II, VICA, ICE.

Mowdy, Breck

Nelson, Lacey-Honor Roll,
Keynotes, School Productions,
Mathletes, AFS Club, Spanish
Club, Drama.

Nygard, Heather-Sophomore
Vice-President, Junior
President, Student Council
Secretary, Girls State,
President of FCA, Basketball
Queen, Track State Champion.
Varsity Track, National
Forensic League Secretary,
Speech, Honor Roll.

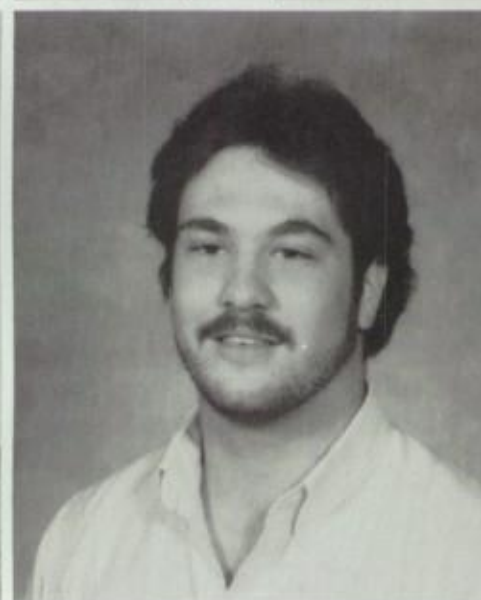
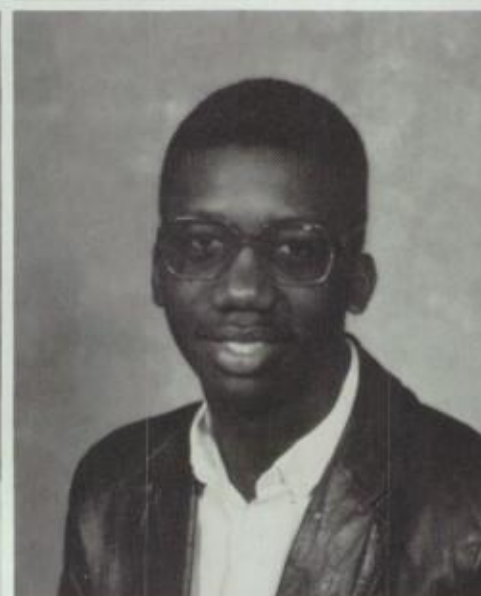
Orr, Lisa - Keynotes, Art.

Overstreet, James -
Basketball, Track,
Weightlifting.

Painter, Kenneth - Spanish
Club, VICA, ICE, Football.

Parker, Andrea - VCHE,
CVET, Basketball.

Parker, Keven - Band,
Sophomore Drum Major,
Speech, Torchlight Newspaper
Feature Editor.



Senior Leaders

Two seniors take on the true meaning of leadership at Okmulgee High. Although, they're different in personality, among other things, they share the same responsibility. Heading the Student Council together, Robert Magnuson, president and Melody Williams, vice-president, the two seniors stood as true leaders this year.

Elections were held late last year, so when school started, the officers could jump right into their job. Not only did they conduct meetings every Wednesday in the

library, but they also lead the flag salute and read the Bible scripture and announcements.

A lot of people may know Melody as the lady behind the Bulldog mask, playing the role of mascot. She has also participated in band for seven years, holding one of the top chairs for those years and a member of YVA (Young Volunteers in Action). She participate in the junior-senior play and has won numerous awards in academics and band. She was named as Who's Who Among Band Stu-





Perry, Aaron

Perry, Nancy - President of NHS, Mathletes, Spanish Club, Creations Staff, '85 Torchlight Yearbook Co-Editor, '84 Torchlight Yearbook Business Manager, Girls State, Speech, School Productions, Keynotes, Gifted and Talented, President of HI-Y, Student Council Secretary, Senior Class Vice President.

Pierce, Carlton - Football.



Powdrill, Joyce - Mathlete, Honor Society, Band, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Freshmen Class Secretary, Sophomore Class President, Student of the Month, Senior Class President.

Powdrill, LaShawn - VCHE and HERO President, CVET.

Raefield, Brian - Football, Baseball, Who's Who Among American High School Students.



Reed, Johnny - Student Council, Speech, Yearbook, Newspaper, Keynotes, School Productions.

Reed, Patty - Student Council, CVET, HERO, FFA Chapter Sweetheart, Photographer and Parliamentarian.

Rogers, Christi - Keynotes.

dents in American High Schools. She is also the district secretary for her church.

Being the multi-instrumentalist that she is, she enjoys listening to music, reading books and researching for the Army in her spare time.

Sports, writing and speaking wraps up the life of Robert Magnuson at OHS. From varsity football to mathlete competition, Robert has had his share of busy days.

He played two years of varsity football, basketball, and track.

"TEACHERS MAY I HAVE your attention please?" This was a common task for Robert and Melody, Student Council officers as they read the daily announcements.

Robert is also a member of French Club and the National Forensic League (NFL).

For speaking he has the honors of being a Lincoln-Douglas Debater and extemporaneous speaker. He has obtained the degree of merit in NFL and went to regionals in exempt speaking. He also placed first in the Veterans of Foreign Wars speech competition.

For his writing capabilities, Robert has received two first place awards in editorial writing in the Torchlight from the Oklahoma In-

terscholastic Press Association Monthly Writing Contest, he is a United States National Journalism Award Winner and he is listed in the United States Achievement Academy Yearbook.

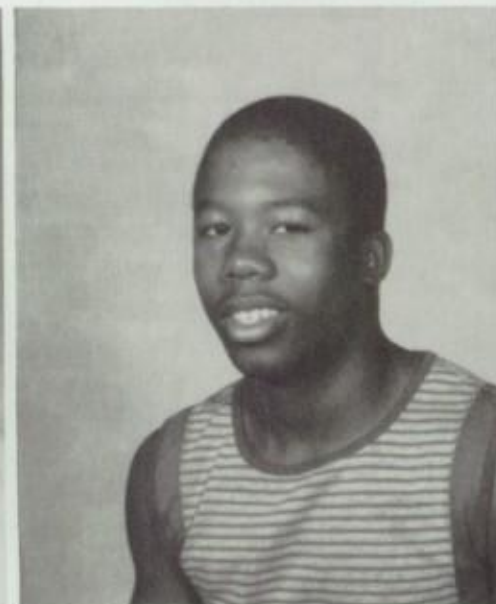
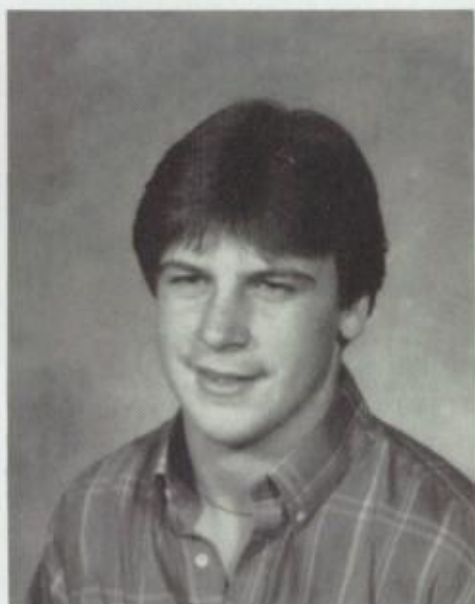
There is more that can be said about both students and probably there are other seniors with more credentials, but Melody and Robert were indeed senior leaders as they ended their scene at OHS.



Rogers, Brian - Baseball,
Wrestling, Football.

Sally, Timothy - Basketball,
Track, Football, Speech, ICE.

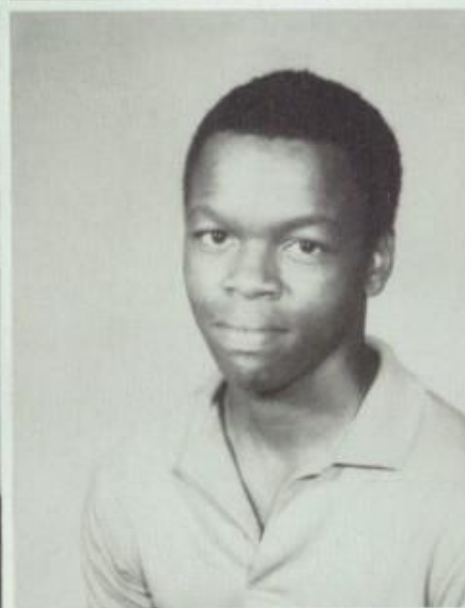
Sanders, Kenneth -
Wrestling.



Schauf, Margaret - Track
and Basketball Manager,
Football Statistician, Gifted
and Talented, Mathlete,
Yearbook, State Honor
Society.

Scott, Carl - VoAg, Drafting.

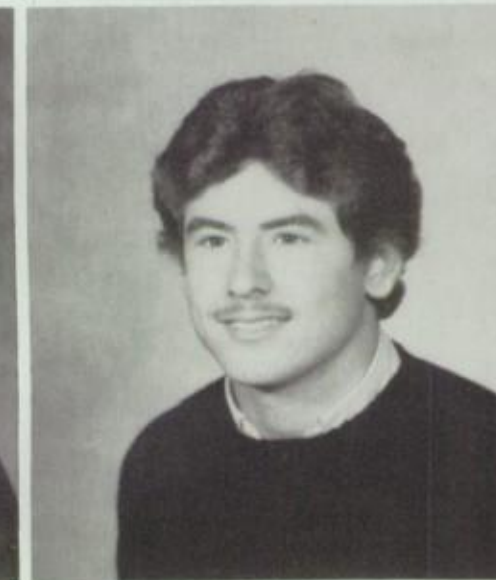
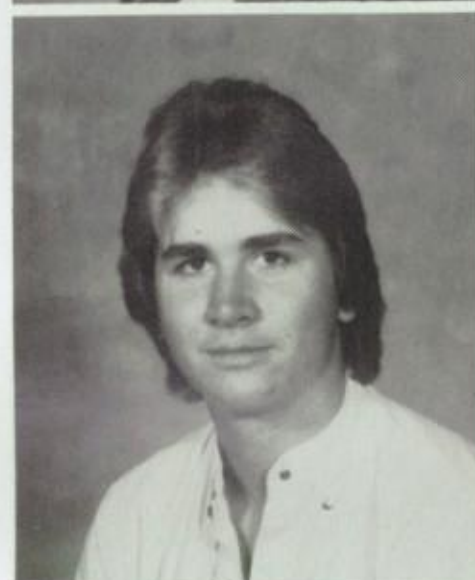
Scott, Lorianne - Keynotes,
Band, Gifted and Talented,
School Productions,
Mathletes, Honor Roll,
Torchlight Yearbook Staff.

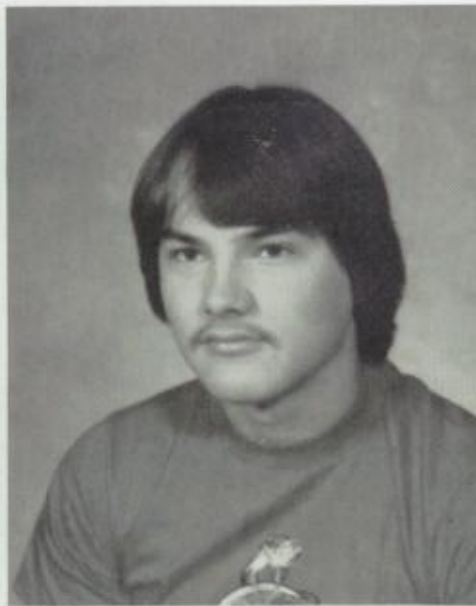


Sharp, Shannon - Band, Jazz
Band, Speech, Drama,
Torchlight Newspaper Staff,
Creative Writing.

Sibert, Connie

Smith, Shawn - Football,
Wrestling, Baseball.

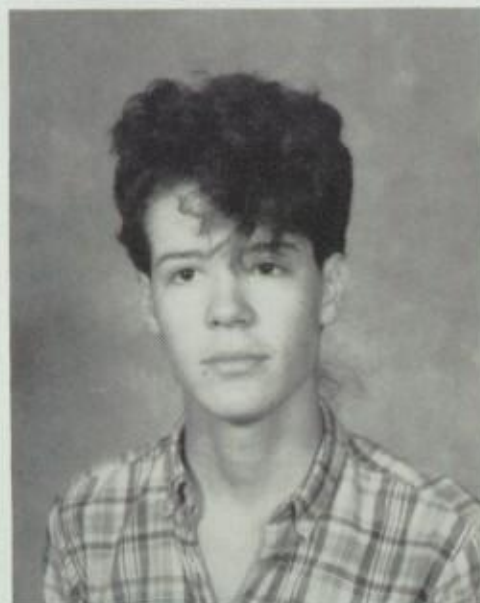




Stallings, Brian - Wrestling, Football, Track.

Talton, Phyllis - VCHE

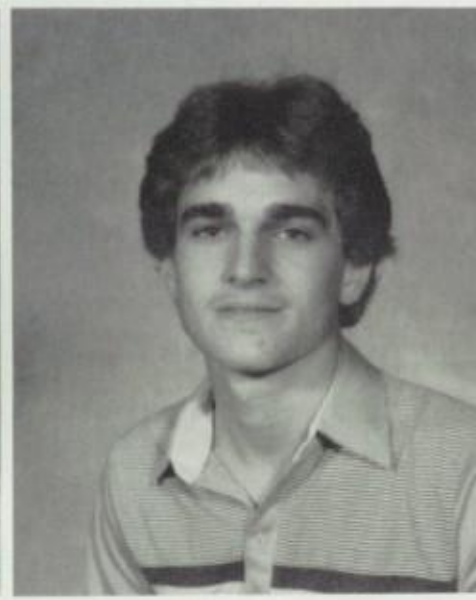
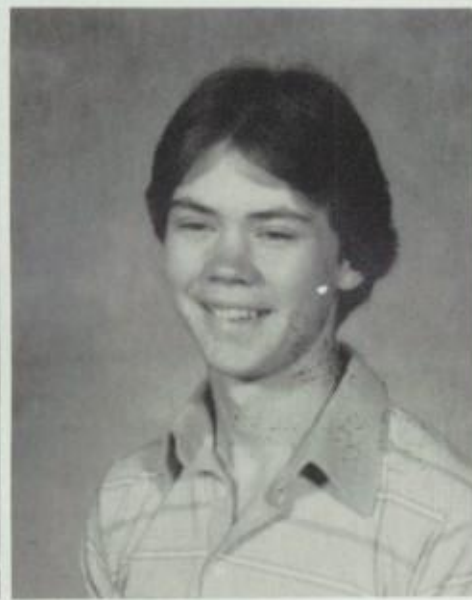
Taylor, Jimmy - FHA, FFA.



Taylor, Jon - Spanish Club, Keynotes.

Taylor, Lisa - Varsity Cheerleader, Football Queen, Drill Team, Flag Corps, Student of the Month, Speech, Torchlight Yearbook Staff, Student Council, NHS, Outstanding Journalist of America.

Thompson, Sharahn - Speech, Photographer, FHA Historian and Reporter.



Thompson, Timothy - Football, Wrestling.

Torbett, Russell - Football, Golf, Weightlifting, Photographer, Creative Writing, Spanish Club, Speech, Student of the Month, Honor Roll.

VanAntwerp, Leroy - Band President, Speech, School Productions, Spanish Club.

Juniors Suffer 34-0 Loss

The definition for powderpuff could be written: Female members of the senior and junior class participating in a game of flag football. This game of competition, to see who exceeds whom, is played at Harmon Stadium well after the Bulldog football season is over.

Only 15 girls played for the senior vs. the 21 girls of the junior class, game with ease. The score of

"34-0" gave the seniors a record high in powderpuff for OHS. This game is only played for fun, but in the back of everyone's mind, they want to know who's the best.

With coaches Steve Mangum (offense) and Steve Jones (defense), the seniors did a tremendous job. Even though, a little less was expected of them, the seniors proved who was boss. This game

leaves the class of '85 with a record of 2-0 for their total powderpuff season.

The snow threatened to stop the annual game earlier that week, but the sun was in everyone's favor. A lot of practice went into this game; the final result was read on the scoreboard.

The cheerleaders added much excitement. The boys who volun-

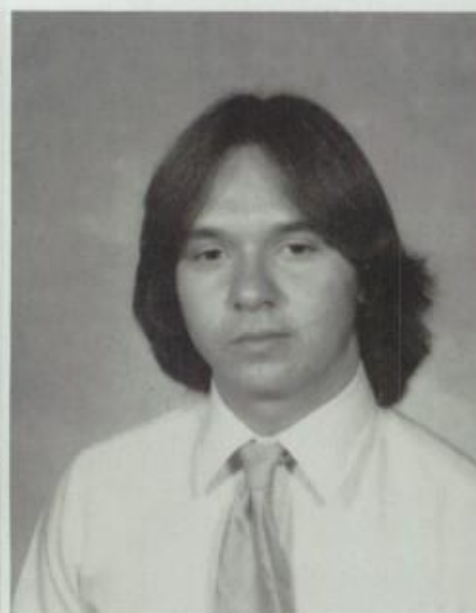
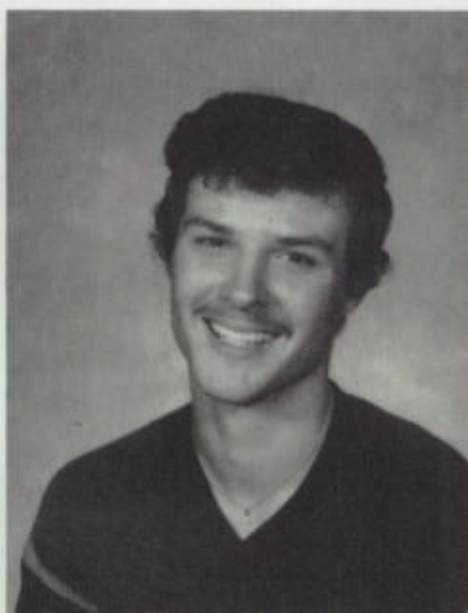
teered their time for arousing the crowds spirit, got a taste of the other side of life. Doing jumps and chants, these hairy-legged cheerleaders stole the attention of the audience.

The junior class sponsored the game, raising \$210 for the Jr-Sr prom.

Vile, Matthew

Waddle, Mike -
Woodworking, ICE.

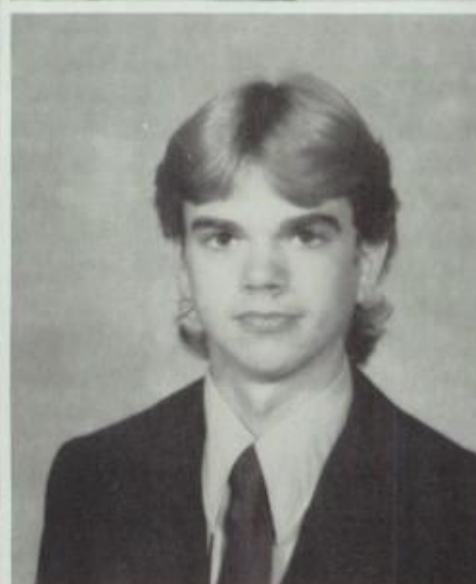
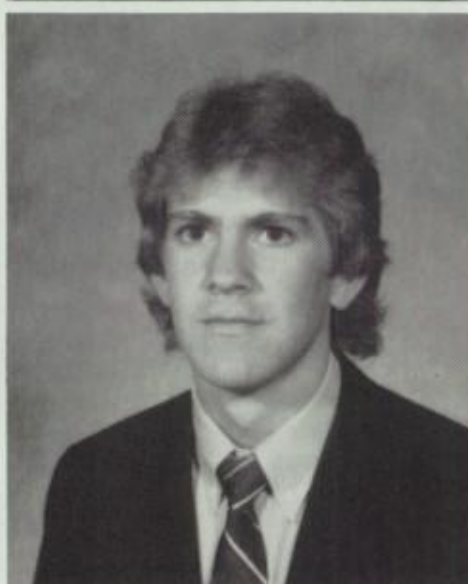
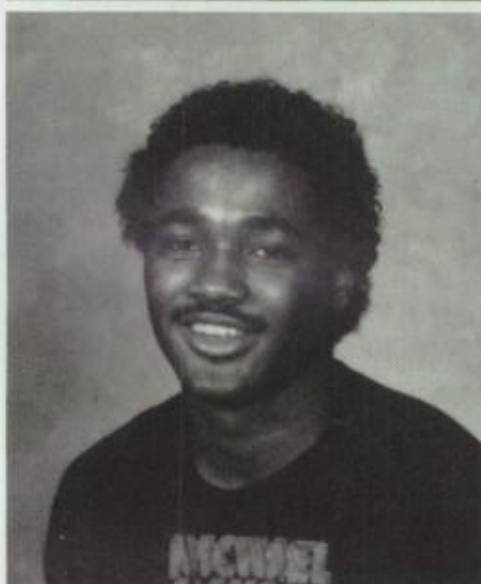
Wadley, Bruce - Student
Council, FFA.



Walston, Lamar - Wrestling,
VICA.

Wares, Joseph - Football,
Baseball, Keynotes,
Photographer, School
Productions, Vice President of
FCA, Student of the Month,
NHS.

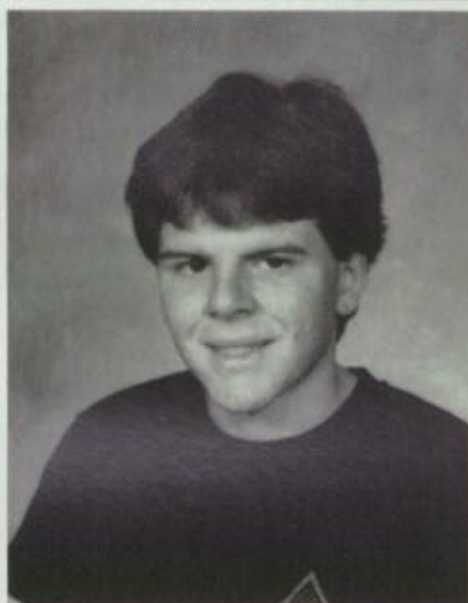
Watts, Greg - FFA,
Photographer, Creative
Writing, Student Senate.



Weibley, Rene - VICA.

Wertman, Doug - Debate,
Speech, Mathletes, Student
Council, Spanish Club.

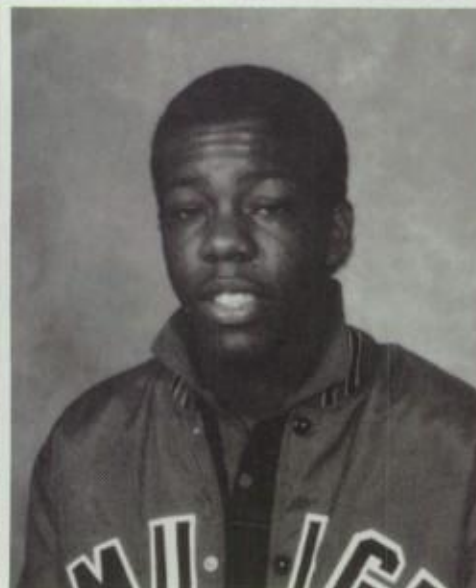
Whallon, Rhonda - Band,
FFA.



White, Debbie - Band,
Keynotes, Mathletes, Gifted
and Talented, School
Productions, Spanish Club,
Student of the Month, NHS.

Whitely, Robert - VICA.

Williams, Brian - Wrestling.



Being All That You Can Be

"Live it up during high school—that senior year goes fast." students have heard this advice from members of every graduating class since their high school careers began. When the anticipated senior year begins, each student believes he or she is ready for it. In reality, no one is. The "senior syndrome" grasps each member of the class and they begin to philosophize, give advice and of course, to look back on the years gone by.

Soon classmates will be left behind, possibly forever. Each person will pursue an individual life, and most are very unsure of just how that life might develop. So seniors turn to someplace secure—the past. "Remember when . . . ?" gives the comfort of familiarity. Seniors can remember many things that occurred in the last seventeen or more years. They remember disco music, roller skating, velour shirts and embroidered, rolled up jeans. Each senior has his own version of every party, every skipped day of school, every school event, and every world event. People, places, and occurrences are stored in many a memory, ready to be brought out

Now That This Is The Final Year, Many Seniors Find Themselves Putting Their Best Foot Forward

at a moments notice. There were many firsts, and many lasts. Memories crop up unexpected at every turn. Old notes, wilted flowers, faded spirit ribbons. A little league team picture could become a source of enjoyment, and old yearbooks enthrall for hours. Forgotten faces are brought to mind, along with faces of those totally different youngsters everyone remembers from grade school. These are the people who gave each other paper valentines, who scrambled madly to "go with" each other, who shouted a distant year, "'85!" at Middle School pep assemblies. Growing up together, these people have changed in ways never dreamed of, and will change even more in the years to come. These are the people that will soon walk down the stairs at Harmon Stadium—together for the very last time.

This realization often changes a class. Seniors are traditionally hard to organize, for no one has a free moment to spare. Many work,

most are involved in several activities, and everyone has busied themselves trying to prepare for the real world. Those who are going to college are getting a fresh start—in four years they will be catching "senioritis" all over again. For others, some remember that this class always said they would stick together. The "Class of '85" spirit is still very much alive, but somehow it just isn't the same. A sense of "now or never" has seized the class—as it has every graduating class for decades. The seniors before were right, for there is never enough time to do everything. Maybe they had something there. "Live it up," they said, "that senior year goes fast."

The senior year is being clung to with all the strength that can be mustered now. Upperclassmen hoard senior cards, scrap books, memory books, autographs. They try to fill each moment with something, each weekend with a good time. There is no time to sit at home doing nothing, these are

SENIORS. Some become better people than they have ever been before, some fade away in the clamour.

That age-old line "hey babe, what are you doing the rest of your life?" has taken on new meaning. Everyone wants to know but not everyone is quiet sure. All that each member of the class of '85 knows is, his or her dreams and goals, and for now they're all there are to hang on to. Building on these to make lives for themselves is what they must do now. "Life in the world out there looks scary," stated Shell Montgomery, "but I've got to face it someday, so I guess I will now."

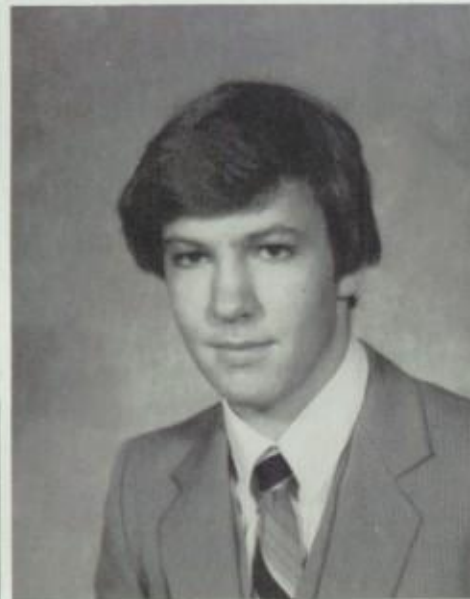
The OHS graduating class of 1985 is all grown up now, and is being released into society. What will become of them? No one knows for sure. Some day, they may be able to tell their children, "I went to school with him." In any case, in reflecting on graduates of the past, students realize that they can make it, too. Thinking of it that way, the 1995 class reunion doesn't seem so far away.



Williams, Melody - Student Council Vice President, School Mascot, Mat Maid, Basketball, Honor Roll, Student of the Month, Band, Jazz Band, Spanish Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Wills, Sharyl - Honor Roll, Keynotes, Spanish Club, Cheerleader, School Productions.

Wilson, Rochelle - Track, CVET, Spanish Club, Track Queen.



Wise, Evie

Witt, Mike - Creative Writing, Creations Staff, Torchlight Newspaper Staff.

Wynn, Vicki - FBLA, Spanish Club.

Adkins, Bill
Aguirre, Roger
Allen, Scott
Baker, Rocky
Banks, Jackie
Barbee, Donald



Barnett, Ronald
Barnett, Traci
Baxter, Genie
Behn, Cheryl
Berryhill, Tonya
Bevenue, Jacque



Bledsoe, Kenneth
Bloom, Laura
Brinkly, Lolita
Brown, Demetress
Bush, David
Byrd, Elaine



Camp, Jimie
Campbell, Marie Belle
Campbell, Valerie
Carey, Mike
Carter, Lerez
Casey, Randy



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS Randy Davenport, president; Brian Gentry, vice president; and Jennifer Smith, secretary. These officers found their time occupied trying to raise money for this year's prom.



THE JUNIORS SHOW their spirit as they yell during a pep assembly. Brock Memorial Gym was full of cheers, signs and toilet paper streamers as this year's juniors added excitement to the assemblies.



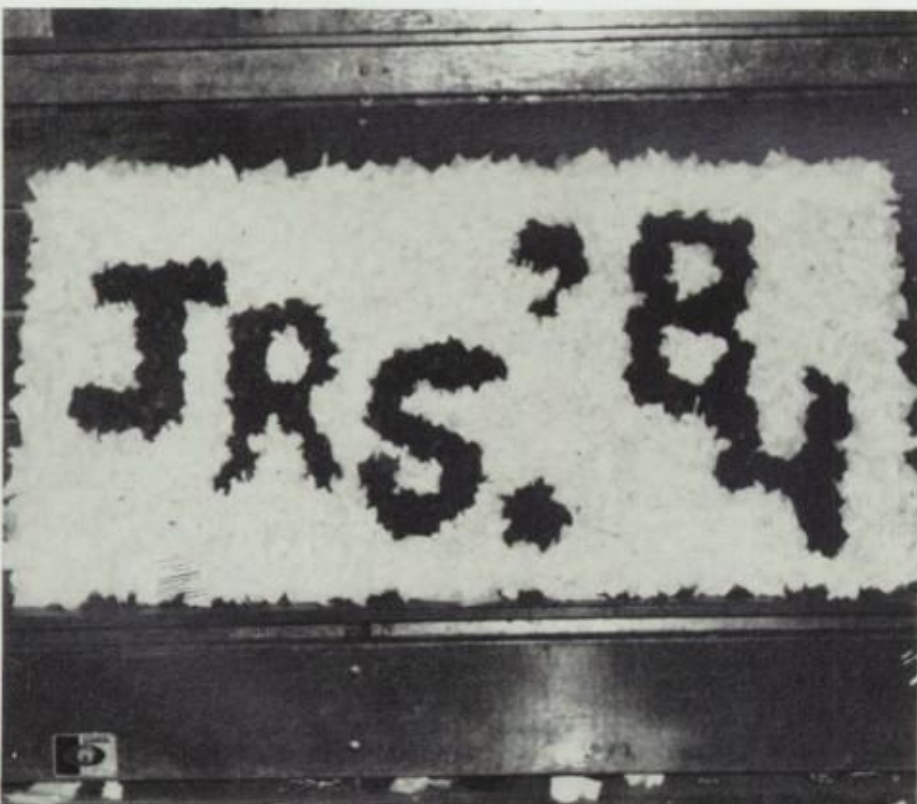
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Cockburn, Jeri
Conner, Kelita
Crane, Mike
Crowley, David
Curtis, Joe

Cusher, Randy
Davenport, Randy
Dawson, Gwen
DeWitt, Robert
Dietert, Elizabeth
Doan, Tri

Domebo, Joe
Dotson, Darren
Drew, Vickie
Farr, Tami
Fisher, Eugene
Fisher, Terrie

Ford, Patrick
Forrester, Terri
Fuller, Steven
Gentry, Brian
Gibson, David
Gibson, Dwight

Juniors, Juniors, Juniors



Just one more year! That's what juniors think as they see their fellow seniors walking by. Just one more year and I'll be on my own is the thought that the average junior cherishes.

Remember when it was just yesterday when we were considered little, punky, in the way Freshmen? One cannot always be on top, he or she has to start somewhere.

Now flashing back to when we were sophomores. We weren't considered little punks anymore just mature punks. Now that we are juniors we think about how fast the years have gone by, missing the time being called sophomores and

LONG HARD WORK went into making the junior float which placed second.

even freshmen.

Times have changed and very fast.

Juniors think about next year when they are seniors ready to explore the world and learn new things. Being a junior has its times like legally getting into a rated "R" movie, driving and just letting time pass by, without a worry.

"I'm proud to be the president of such a loyal class, the juniors seem to pull together in time of need," exclaimed Randy Davenport.

Next year, when the juniors become seniors they won't be lost, for they have spent much of their time with the seniors close by their sides helping them to get their feet on the ground.

Gillim, Doug
 Goss, Allan
 Gouthier, John
 Hanson, Maurice
 Hallemier, Judy
 Hammon, Richard



Hammon, Tina
 Harjo, Mary
 Harlan, Margaret
 Harman, David
 Hartman, Kim
 Haynes, Leslie



Henron, Benita
 Hensley, Fred
 Higgs, Oscar
 Holcomb, Matt
 Holland, Larry
 Hollier, Tammy



Horn, Tammy
 Howell, James
 Huddleston, Della
 Ingley, Mary
 Jackson, Bridget
 Jarvis, Allen



Jeffress, Shannon
 Johnson, Jeff
 Johnson, Michelle
 Jokerst, Debbie
 Jolliff, Beth
 Jones, Catherine



Jones, Erin
 Jordan, Jimmy
 Kellogg, Lynn
 Klutts, David
 Landsdale, Corey
 Lewis, Leman



Getting It All Together

Being a junior isn't all that easy but at least it means finally becoming an upperclassman. Being freshmen and sophomores didn't mean too much because there wasn't a lot to look forward to. Going to school was just a habit along with being a requirement. Now that they are no longer underclassmen, juniors finally realize that it is time to look to their future.

Preparing for college was the top priority of most juniors. The American College Test (ACT) and the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) and other college tests were part of the requirements for college-bound juniors.

"The PSAT was hard but I know it will help me in the future," said Michelle Miller.

Juniors find themselves trying

harder to make better grades and getting more involved in the outside world. Most teens know that college is very expensive and therefore they make a special effort to make good scores and be involved to qualify for scholarships.

"It is hard and tiring to do good all the time but I know I will appreciate it in my future years," said Jo Whitlow.

As teenagers mature, they find that being socially involved becomes less important. Most juniors drive and have discovered that they have more responsibilities such as working and taking more authority of their lives.

"It is hard for me to adjust to these adult situations but I know it is necessary for me to reach my goals," said Genie Baxter.

"It's tough having tests and assignments, but I want the last two years of school to be the best years," said Jennifer Smith.

WALKING THROUGH THE snow, Richard Hammon gives Bryant McDaniel, freshman, some advice about girls at OHS.



Little, Mark

Love, Tommie

Lucas, Leslie

Mangum, Sheila

McCary, Chris

McDonald, Dana

McFarlan, Shelly

Metzger, Shelly

McGriff, Tyrone

McKay, Kellie Dawn

McKay, Toby

Mariano, Mike

Metcalf, Terry

Miller, Michelle

Miner, John

Mitchell, Lorraine

Morris, Marquita

Motte, Carmen

Motte, Genevieve

Murrell, Mark

Nelson, Stephen

Niel, Michelle

Nipper, Chris

Nygard, Bill



Osborn, Brian

Owens, Keith

Phelps, Karin

Pinneo, Monique

Pitts, Earnest

Pollard, Monty



Porter, Leslie

Rankin, John

Rippy, John

Roberts, Lynnelle

Robertson, Jill

Robertson, Vicki



Rowe, Stephen

Rowley, Dawn

Ryder, Billy

Scantlon, Hope

Schrantz, Robin

Scott, David



Part Of A Tradition

Being a junior has its ups and downs. There are responsibilities that have become traditions, passed on year after year, that the junior class always presents to the school. For example, on December 5th the annual bedum of the Powder Puff football game occurred. This is the traditional game of football that is played by all junior and senior girls that want to participate.

"It is more or less a silent war between the classes," stated Robin Schrantz.

In the middle of the year the juniors present a film. The time it takes to pick out the film, the telephone calls that has to be made, then one realizes how much money

the juniors spend on extra activities for the school.

Obtaining money is one of the biggest problems the junior class has. This explains the reason for money raising projects throughout the year by the junior class. The big celebration for the year is the junior-senior prom and all the hard work and money makes for a nice event. Last but not least comes the passing of the torch, which is presented to the junior class president at graduation and is a symbol of love and spirit for our school.

DEBBIE JOKERST, SUSAN WILCOX, and Jill Robertson discuss this year's class schedules during the first days of school.





Scott, Sharri
Shoaf, Karen
Simms, Kelly
Smith, Jennifer
Stacy, Tracy
Stallings, David



Strang, Shawn
Summers, Rodney
Tate, Kevin
Taylor, Donetta
Taylor, Joel
Taylor, Kevin



Thompson, Mark
Tiger, Kellie
Titsworth, Sharon
Titsworth, Steve
Tozer, Tim
Wadsworth, Bobby



Wadsworth, Sylvia
Waller, Orlando
Walton, Penny
Warnock, Donald
White, Carla
White, Sherman



Whitely, Cheryl
Whitlow, Jo
Wilcox, Susan
Williams, Darrell
Williams, Lori
Wills, Don



Wilson, Robert
Wray, Joseph

Adams, Joseph
Adolph, Gregory
Alexander, Pamela
Allen, Teresa
Antle, James Micheal
Baker, James
Barker, Anita



Barnett, Brenda
Barnett, Sunni
Barnett, Virginia
Behn, Carla
Bevenue, Scott
Bird, Robin
Boggus, Andre



Bohuslavichy, Laura
Bonham, Kendra
Bowen, Larry
Brasier, Charles
Brewer, Brian
Brown, Tyrone
Brummett, Denise



Burke, Valerie
Byrd, Cynthia
Campbell, Mark
Campbell, Nancy
Carmona, Stephanie
Carter, Yolanda
Chambers, Richard



Chiles, Delbert
Christerson, Robert
Clark, Robert
Clement, Angelita
Cochran, Aimee
Cottrell, Harold
Couch, Dane



AS THE CHILLY NOVEMBER winds blew the sophomores were right on the money by selling hot chocolate to those wanting to something warm.





Cruce, Jason
Curry, Kevin
Danielson, Michael
Day, Melodee
Day, Michelle
Dean, Kelly
Dechard, Oscar

Dickerson, Marnye
Dove, Jack
Drew, Jerod
Dunham, Tammra
Edmerson, Reginald
Estep, Reyna
Evans, Mark

Evans, Sean
Factor, Juanita
Fetgatter, Scott
Fisher, Betty
Fleming, Lisa
Garner, Michael
Gee, Debra

Gibson, Monty
Giessmann, Roger
Gislason, Donna
Goree, Bryant
Graham, Christopher
Graham, Stephen
Grammer, Tammy

Grandfield, Angela
Grant, Marquita
Gray, Roy
Griffin, Grant
Hammon, Clifford
Hammon, Lavender
Hammon, Melinda

Sophomores, Sophomores

RICK HESS, JENNIFER THORMAN, and Jason Cruce, sophomore class officers, wave to onlookers in the Homecoming parade.



The sophomores of 1984-5 were building up steam and roaring with Bulldog spirit as they continued through their teenage years at Okmulgee High School. They started the year by picking outstanding leaders like Jason Cruce, Rick Hess and Jennifer Thorman.

Jason, serving as president, stated, "Our class is a very willing class. Everyone pitched in and worked hard when the pressure was on to complete our projects, this includes our money making activities."

"It's a great class, and we've done some interesting and worthwhile projects this year," said Rick, vice president.

While many upperclassmen were worrying about the upcoming prom, this class was concerned

about next year's prom—theirs. They started trying to make some money and winning first place in the Homecoming parade boosted their spirits. The class also introduced face decals to help promote spirit while adding money to their budget. Bake sales also added revenue to the sophomores' account.

Jennifer, sophomore secretary stated, "I was proud to be chosen to help lead our class. We've been well represented in the past and I hope that I've maintained the tradition."

"Winning first place in the Homecoming parade is just one example of what our class can do when we set our minds to it," continued Jennifer. "We plan to be the best class OHS has ever had!"

FACE DECALS BECOME very popular during the football season. Mrs. Carma Cruce passes the decals to some her students to sell to in the school.



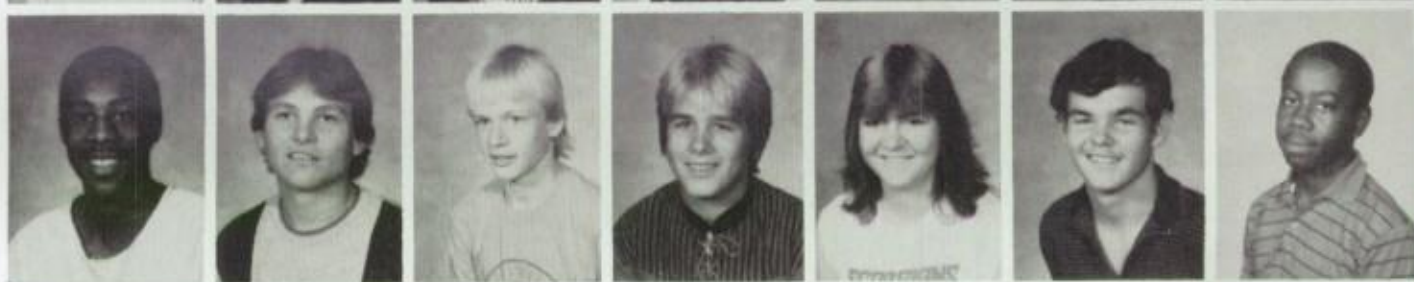
MRS. CRUCE'S SECOND hour talks before class begins. On Halloween the students in her class dressed in costumes and listened to ghost stories.



Hammon, Tela
Harrison, Kristi
Henderson, Jeffrey
Henry, Stephanie
Hess, Rick
Hicks, Byron
Holly, Robbie



Holmes, Kermit
Horn, Chance
Howard, Brian
Howell, Richard
Howell, Tammie
Howell, William
James, Maurice



Janzen, Angela
Jarvis, John
Jennings, Keith
Johnson, Clyde
Johnson, Eric
Jones, Staci
Jones, Terry



Jordan, Angelique
Jordan, Charles
Jordan, Quanton
Keaton, Michelle
Kelley, Rita
Kennedy, Tara
King, James





King, John
Kirby, Karen
Knox, Edna
Ledgerwood, Dawn
Lewis, Rusty
Long, James
Lunney, James

Lyles, Bridgette
McDaniel, Rodney
McDowell, Sean
McElhannon, Mark
McGriff, Elmer
McGuire, John
McHenry, Anthony

McIntosh, Kristi
McNac, Marla
Mann, Kenny
Mann, Patti
Martin, Charles
Mayden, Rod
Mays, Theresa

Meese, Brian
Merriman, David
Meyer, Lori
Miles, Rhonda
Miles, Ron-El
Miller, Belinda
Milligan, Tom

Miner, Don
Mitchell, Jacob
Mitchell, Leslie
Mitchell, Shelly
Moore, Marlo
Moss, Phillip
Niel, Mike



Class Rings Show Maturity

Being a sophomore meant making several decisions. One of the most exciting was selecting a class ring. Among other things, the class ring was a symbol of maturity for the sophomores, and those who purchased them early felt as important as the seniors.

"One of the reasons I like being a sophomore is being able to buy my class ring," stated Jennifer Thorman.

Some rings did not come until later in the year, some considered it a reward after making it through the school year. Receiving their rings was a process in growing from childhood to adulthood.

Sophomores found that making a choice when it came to what they

KIM ROGERS AND DEBBIE NIEL
DISCUSS their class ring purchase at O. K. Staudt Jewelers.

wanted and what was available was difficult. The rings came in many different styles, shapes and colors and pleased almost everyone's wishes.

"I didn't know what kind of stone I wanted in my ring, there are so many to choose from, it's a difficult choice," said Janna Slamans.

The smart sophomores found time to shop around for the right price and selection in the rings.

"I'm thrilled that I have the chance to buy a class ring. The problem is where will I get the money to buy it," said Steve Graham.

Whether buying a ring or just looking at one, the class of '87 found it did not take much to make their sophomore year a year of maturity and an unforgettable experience.

Cars Give Responsibility

Being a sophomore is alot better than being a freshman on the first day of school. Sophomores know basically where and how to get to their classes even though they are considered an underclassmen.

A big step for the sophomores is the day they receive their driver's license. Driving is a big responsibility especially if their parents loan them the family car.

If the student is not driving their family car then they may the "lucky one" with their own car. Then an added responsibility of maintaining and sometimes paying for the car is taken on by the sophomore.

"When I got my car, I felt good that my parents trusted me enough to drive it," stated Jason Cruce.

Another job of the student with their first car is hauling their friends to lunch and on the drag.



With the new license comes another experience, the first "real date." Maybe it is just taking someone out to get a coke or maybe it's a movie and out to eat, either way, it is a night to be remembered for a long time.

"Sometimes I feel like going out and having a good time, but I know a car is a big responsibility and it is not something to take for granted," said Scott Fetgatter.

Whether one has their license or not, the sophomore year is full of new experiences and opportunities shared with old and new friends alike.

CHRISTY GUFFEY AND DONNA Gislason find that walking to lunch is not only fun but a unique way of getting away from the school.

Newport, Mike
Nimrod, Sharon
Nuckolls, Mike
Oaks, Elizabeth
Oloizia, Tony
Owens, Gordon
Pitchford, Scott



Pitts, Rebecca
Pointdexter, Tracy
Powerdrill, Sherman
Powell, Johnny
Powers, Shawn
Purvine, Brett
Rade, Tami



Rathjen, Mike
Reagan, Donna
Rice, Jeff
Rice, Jennifer
Richardson, Danny
Roberts, Preston
Rodgers, Kimberly

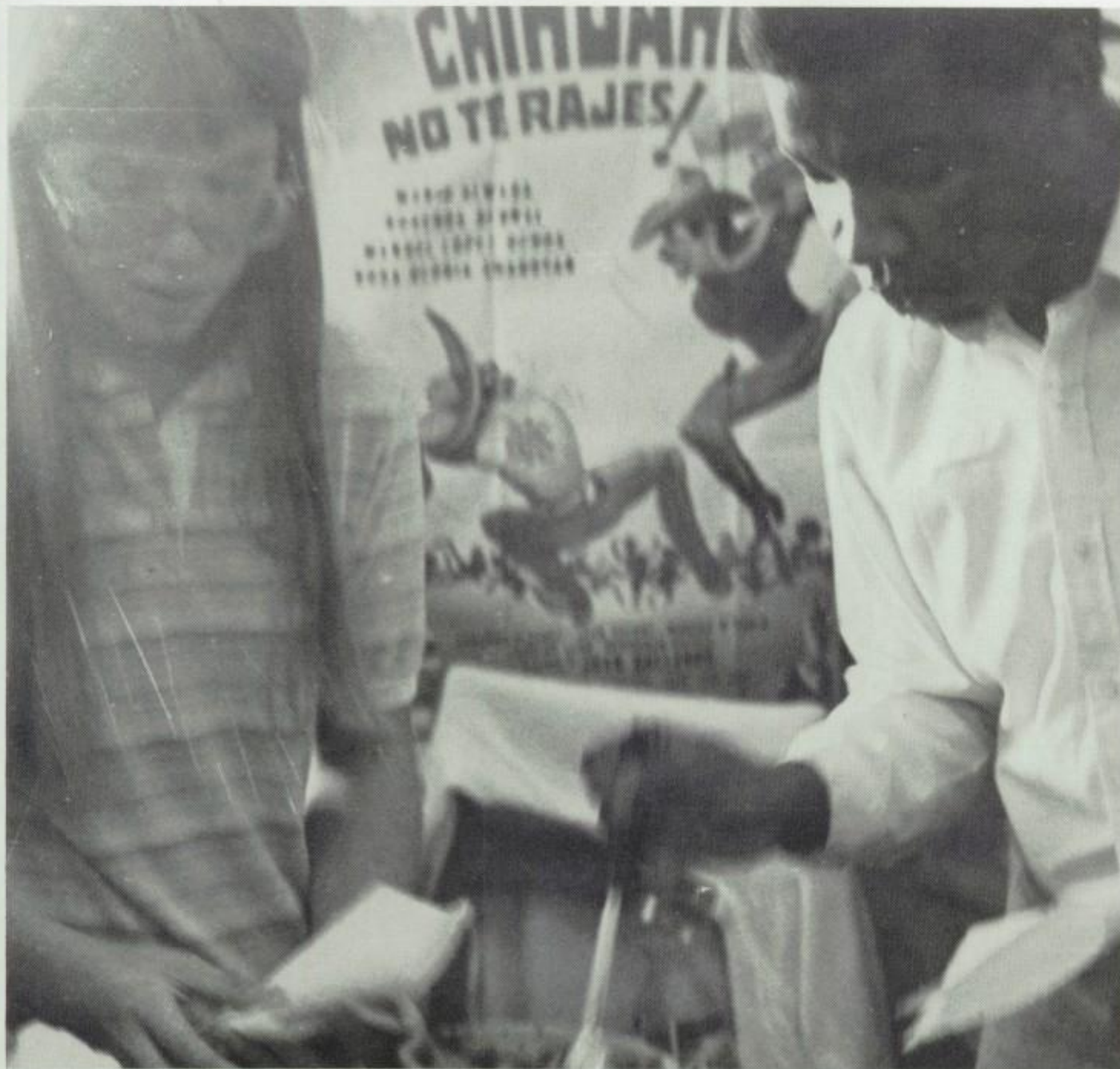


Rogers, John
Ross, Sterling
Ruff, Darrell
Ryder, Tommy
Sample, Traci
Sands, Lance
Scott, Charmin



Shirley, William
Shoun, Robbie
Simmers, Winfred
Simon, Calvin
Skupien, Frank
Slamans, Janna
Slape, Brad





MAKING THEIR OWN lunch during a Spanish Class cooking experiment are Patrick Ford and Sharon Nimrod. It was not unusual to see Ms. Gail Patton's class cook Spanish treats.

LUNCHTIME GROWLS PREVENTS Sherman Powdrill from paying attention in his fourth hour class. He constantly bragged about his dream car he would have someday.



Smith, Marcia
Smith, Shawn
Snow, Paula
Soma, Lorie
Stallings, Towanda
Stanford, Leon

Sterner, Anna
Stone, Suzanne
Sulivant, Jana
Talton, Rodney
Tarkington, Portia
Tayuman, Marisa
Thompson, Lorain

Thompson, Wendell
Thorman, Jennifer
Tinnell, Jacque
Todd, Mark
Tress, Barbara
Uva, Richard
Wallace, Cassandra

Warnock, Jeff
Williams, LaShawn
Williams, Traci
Williamson, Randy
Wilson, Robert
Wilson, Tina
Wynn, James

Abondi, Eric
Adams, Chonita
Alexander, Jennifer
Asberry, Tina
Bailey, Emmett
Ballenger, Kim
Baughman, Shannon



Behn, Eli
Bemo, Gina
Berryhill, Mike
Bevenue, Yvonne
Bever, Michell
Bird, Monica
Bishop, Jason



Bourne, Stacy
Bowen, Trena
Braggs, Jerry
Brant, Stephen
Brown, David
Bryant, Brett
Bryant, Lynn



Buckett, Richard
Buoy, Kenneth
Burklin, James
Burden, Joe
Burns, Miki
Carter, David
Cash, Anne



Castleberry, Mike
Chandler, James
Clarke, Tracy
Cockburn, Lisa
Cohen, Tsai-Chin
Coker, Anjanette
Cole, Jackie





Coleman, Charles
Collier, Samantha
Comer, Gene
Cooks, Alfred
Cooks, Tammy
Crisp, Tyra
Crook, Tracy

Cross, Karl
Dalson, Will
Daniels, Chandra
Davidson, David
Dewitt, Kathy
Dickerson, Kelly
Downing, Christy

Dunn, Haden
Dutton, Rhonda
Edmonds, Allen
Ehrig, Sheila
Ellis, Craig
Factor, Benji
Floyd, Amy

Ford, Renee
Forrester, Sonya
Frits, Connie
Gainor, Kim
Gardner, Carla
Garrison, Mark
Gartrell, Leroy

Gasaway, Thresea
Gee, Quannah
Geer, Derrick
Gibbins, Michelle
Giddings, Clark
Gomez, Chris
Goss, Tracy

Freshmen, Freshmen

"88" TAKE
STATE



"When '87 is dead and gone, '88 will rock on" was what some believed was the winning statement for Freshmen Class President Maritus Tayuman and Vice President Rhonda Dutton. Other candidates for president and vice president were Quannah Gee and Lee Miller, John Stenebach and Rhonda Unruh, Jon Parker and Steve Brant, and Kristin Shamas and Kim Balenger.

Jennifer Alexander was elected freshmen class secretary. Students running for secretary included Jennifer Rikard and Shannon Baughman.

ONE OF THE FIRST attractions of the High School for incoming students is the enrollment process. This gave pupils a time to meet new friends and talk with old acquaintances.

Maritus and Rhonda stated that they would like to make their class unique and have lots of fun since it is their first year in High School. They ran for office together because they both wanted to see some changes and more involvement by classmates and they are also very interested in the well being of their class.

Rhonda said, "I personally ran because I wanted to help our class and make it the best year ever."

"I ran because I was a member of the student council at Middle School and I felt I had the experience to do a good job here at the high school," said Jennifer Alexander.

Jenny also stated that the officers had planned several money making projects for the class during the year.

Grammer, Johnny
Grant, Tonya
Green, Jeffrey
Grim, Heather
Hammon, Donna
Han, Roxanna
Hart, Lisa



Harvey, Sandra
Hatley, Michelle
Hedgpeth, Deborah
Herron, Terri
Hicks, Angelia
Hill, Christopher
Holleman, Heather



Hudson, Robert Paul
Jackson, Christopher
James, Benjamin
James, Machele
Johnson, Michael C.
Jones, Dana R.
Jones, Preston Bryan



Jones, Marlon
Jones, Patrick W.
Jordan, Michael C.
Keesee, Vicki
Kelley, Jack
Keys, Bruce
Klutts, Randy



Lang, Marcel
Leach, Derrick
LeGrand, Bill
LeGrand, Charles
LeGrand, Laura
Lunney, Janice
Mabrey, Carlisle



Magnuson, Britt
Mann, Steve
McCarty, Tammy
McCarty, Frederick
McDaniel, Bryan
McDaniel, Pete
McDonald, Carol



McFalls, Natasha
McGee, Reginald K.
McGuire, Mary
McHenry, Hillria
Miller, Lela
Mitchell, Gary
Mitchell, Tracy



Moore, Andrea
Morgan, Karen
Moten, Marsha
Motte, Patrick
Nelson, Latrice
Neil, Debbie
Nimrod, Daniel



Freshmen Discover Fun

Begging For Rides To Lunch Became A Fun Task For Most Frosh

Coming to high school can be a frightening experience. Not only is the atmosphere completely different in respect to the classes and physical difference, but also the attitude of the students, especially the upperclassmen, is very different.

Over two hundred freshmen showed up on the first day of school this year. They were greeted with the traditional warning signs on Brock Memorial Gym and on the sidewalks. The signs say "Beware Frosh" and also includes names of upperclassmen to beware of.

On the first day, the freshmen, along with all the other students at Okmulgee High, stood in front of Brock to get their schedules and locker numbers. Unlike others, these underclassmen have to find



their classes and learn not only how to open their lockers but also how to get to class on time.

One topic of concern to freshmen is getting a ride to lunch. Most freshmen are not old enough to drive, thus the majority of the

underclassmen have one of three options, either bum a ride, eat in the cafeteria or walk to lunch.

"I usually find myself eating at home or in the snack bar, seldom do I go without lunch," said Brit Magnuson.

The first year at Okmulgee High School is sometimes said to be one of the best years at high school. It opens new doors and gives them the long awaited independence. Along with all of these things come responsibilities, also. A new activity for freshmen is building a float to represent their class in the Homecoming parade.

Other activities consist of more freedom in choosing classes. An important thing that freshmen look forward to is an open campus for lunch.

FRESHMEN KIM BALLANGER, KIM GAINER, Shanean Sharp, and Brigitte Swallow show their spirit at a pep assembly.

WAITING FOR CLASSES TO START ON THE FIRST day of school were Brent Todd, Chris White, Amy Williams, and Debbie Wertman.



Nipper, Robert
Parker, Jon
Pascale, Michael
Patrick, Rita
Patterson, Kent
Patterson, Steve
Payer, Patricia

"Frosh" Ideas On School

After the freshmen got used to their move to the high school, they were somewhat forgotten. They worked on class projects and did their best to get involved but sometimes the upperclassmen forgot that the freshmen were people too. A few freshmen spoke out and expressed their feelings about Okmulgee High, and most agreed that it was very different.

Christy Downing- "I like the basketball and the football teams."

Tonya Grant- "Unlike the Middle School, I like to eat lunch off-campus."

Marites Tayuman- "I love the guys."

Rhonda Dutton- "It is a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live here."

Brigitte Swallow- "I like it because all of my friends are here."

John Randell- "I like OHS because I met several new people."

Amy Williams- "I like the older guys at OHS."

David Brown- "I think there are too many punks at the high school."

Kathy Dewitt- "I like the courtyard area and the guys."

Traci Moore- "I like the open campus lunch hour."

Kim Ballenger- "I like OHS because it is better than the Middle School."

Steven Brant- "I like off campus lunch and I like being a year closer to getting my driver's license."

Monty Woody- "I dislike the long class periods."

Yvonne Bevenue- "I don't like all the stairs, they need to get escalators."

Jenny Alexander- "I don't like not being able to wear sweats and there are not enough guys at this school."



Peevy, Kelly
Penn, Randy
Perkins, Dawn
Pinneo, Bertrand
Poenter, Louis
Poole, Dwayne
Powell, Tina



Powless, Michael
Powless, Robin
Qualls, Tabitha
Rabbix, Geneve
Raefield, Kelli
Ramsey, Karma
Randall, John



Regan, Dana
Renoylds, Roy
Rice, Taretta
Rich, Taretta
Rikard, Jennifer
Roberts, Billy
Rock, Timothy



Rogers, Howard
Ross, Edward
Shamas, Kristin
Sharp, Sheanean
Simpson, Tammy
Sims, Timothy
Spitz, James



Stacy, Phillip
Stallings, Adam
Stallings, Eddie
Stendebach, Jon
Stocton, Lori
Stutchman, Robert
Swallow, Bridgette





FRESHMEN OFTEN HAVE to resort to the school cafeteria for meals. Eventually, they will have the opportunity to drive off campus.

BRIGETTE SWALLOW, CHRISTY DOWNING, Rhonda Unruh, Jenny Alexander, and Rhonda Dutton decorate a car for the Homecoming Parade.



Steele, Tonya
Taylor, Dracy
Taylor, Janene
Tayuman, Marites
Thierrry, Phyllis
Thierry, Tony
Thomas, Gilbert

Thomas, Regina
Thomas, Tammy
Thompson, Leah
Thompson, Ruben
Thompson, Shawn
Tiger, Terry
Tipton, Travis

Todd, Brent
Todd, Charity
Torbett, Zachary
Unruh, Rhonda
Waddle, Tom
Walker, Daniel
Walker, Gene

Ware, Coletta
Warren, Traci
Washington, Robert
Watkins, tracy
Weaver, Daria
Weaver, Taria
Wertman, Debbie

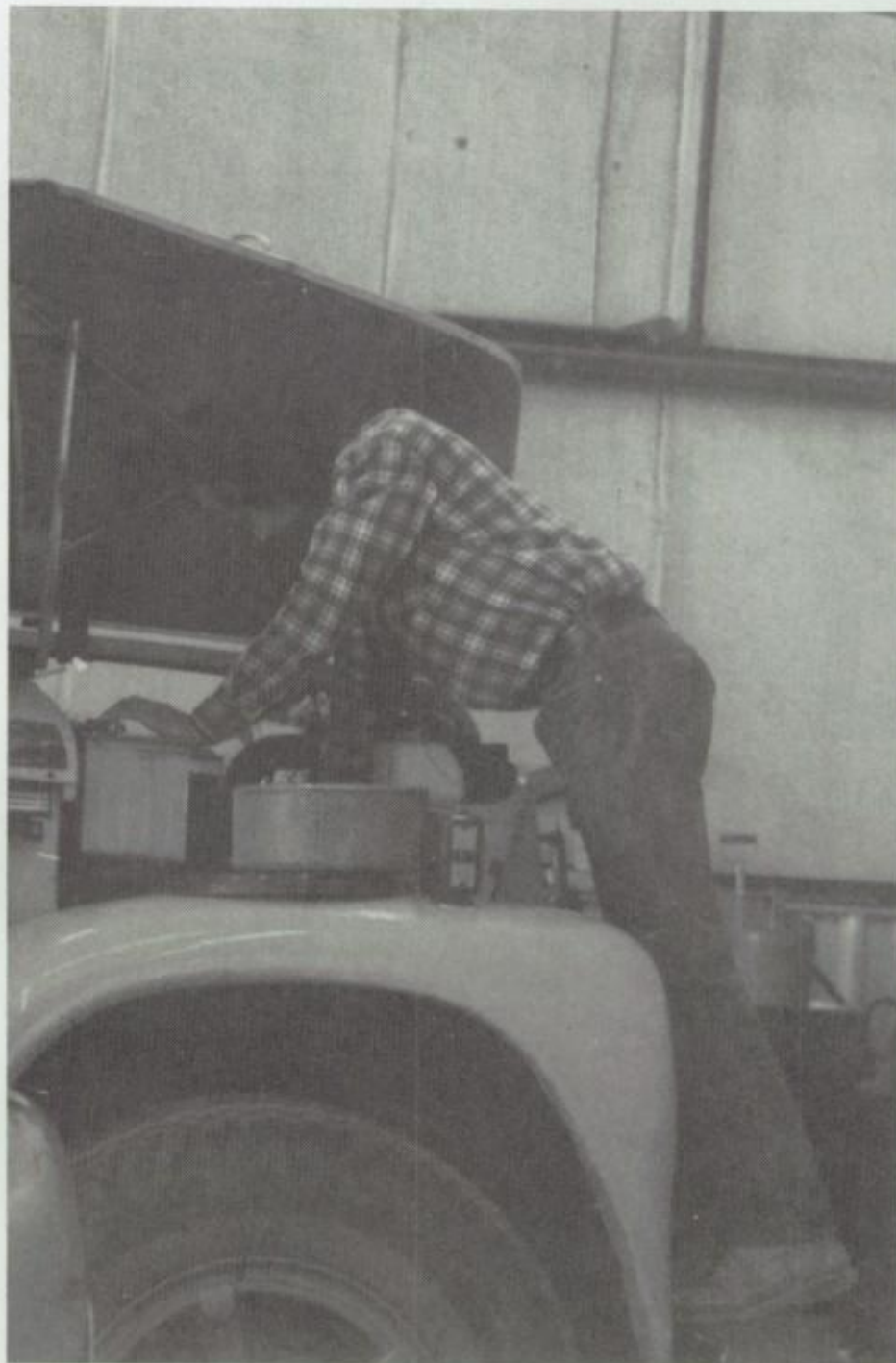
White, Christopher
Whittaker, Joey
Whomble, Shannon
Wilbourn, Albert
Williams, Amy
Williams, Johnny
Wilson, Leon

Windom, Jack
Winn, David
Wise, Kathy
Witt, William
Woody, Yomone

BILL BELL FINDS a moment to take a short break during a hectic day at the Bus Barn.



ASSISTANT MECHANICAL MAN
Alfred House finds that in order to complete a job, he has to get down into the engine.



WORKING ON MINOR as well as major repairs occupies most of the time for Jeff Gillum and Charles Reed, two of the maintenance workers for Okmulgee Schools.



DR. DEAN HUGHES takes off suit coat in order to be comfortable as he studies a proposal for curriculum.

Progress Made With Bond Passage

Another Stage Is Set For Educational Advancement

The time was 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the date was December 4, 1984, the place included both elementaries, Middle school and the Board of Education building, the occasion was determining the future of Okmulgee Public School picture.

All of these factors lead to the passage of the bond election for building projects and improvements.

"This has allowed the time factor to be cut in half for the completion of a new high school," said Mr. Bill Davis, superintendent.

Although the elementaries are completed, the Middle School still lacks completion in major areas. The bond allowed funds to be joined with the district building fund to completely finish the Middle School.

Part of the facilities planned for OMS is a multi-purpose building containing a gymnasium, a stage, dressing areas for physical education and athletics, and a lobby.

Exterior plans provide for parking, fencing, landscaping for playground and athletic purposes, and will dress up the outside of the existing buildings.

The Armory building, acquired by the Board of Education in recent years will eventually be renovated into classrooms and physical education and athletic facilities-especially for the girls athletic program.

"We had a vocational horticulture program start three years ago, because of the lack of proper facilities (greenhouse, etc.) we could have lost it but thanks to the pas-

sage of this bond, that fear is non-existent," said Mr. Davis.

Along the same line, the vocational facilities will be relocated and other buildings for other vocational and industrial arts programs will be constructed.

"These classes need to be and now will be closed to the main campus," stated Mr. Davis.

Time is fast approaching when the old high school building will be unaccepted for use. With the limits the state laws place on bonding capacity, there is simply not enough assessed valuation in this school district for a bond issue large enough to build the entire complex at one time. However, with citizens giving the okay for this bond another stage is set for educational progress.

"Some of the main things prospective industries and business and professional people look for in a community are good schools and school facilities, now we are able to make more steps in that direction," stated Mr. Davis.

He concluded by saying that the board of education as well as himself appreciated the support the community has always given in the past to see that Okmulgee students do have an opportunity for a good education.

Indeed, the community, schools and administration did their part for making the scene in 84-85.

SUPERINTENDENT BILLY R DAVIS discusses future building plans with his administrative assistant Dean Hughes.

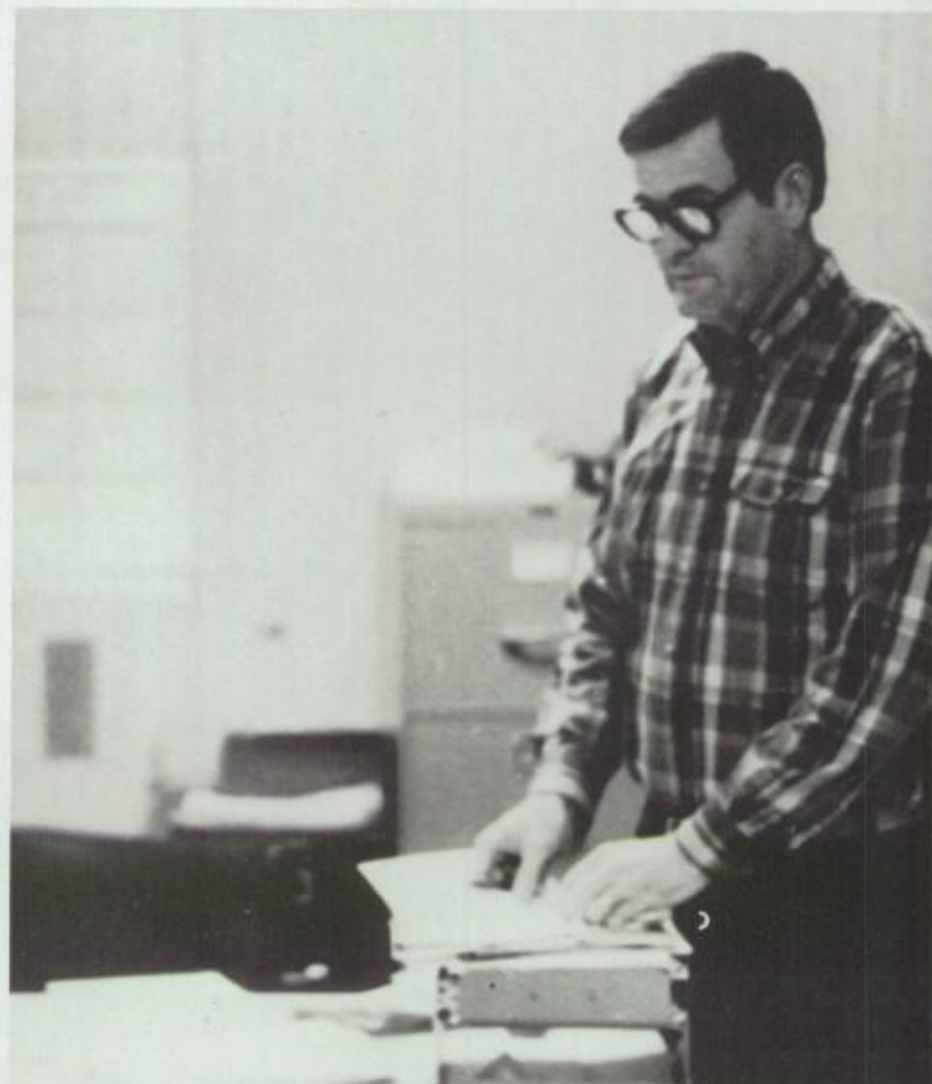


Dr. John Shinpoch- Principal
Mr. Phil Brown- Assistant Principal

Mrs. Toledo McGee- Assistant
Principal

MRS. TOLEDO MCGEE and
Sandra Mack, an office aide, discuss
Sandra's responsibilities for the day.

SENIOR COUNSELOR MR.
DAN Sulivant looks over some
papers concerning the upcoming
Senior Class.





Bill Bearden- Vocational
Martha Bryant- English II, III
Creative Writing
Martha Bryant- Chemistry I, Biology
Richard Bryant- Physics, General
Science, Advance Biology
Craig Brydges- English IV, Speech
I, II, III
James Burrus- Pre. Algebra

Gary Calip- Social Studies
Debra Checotah- Special Education
Jan Colombin- Drivers Education,
Athletics
Carma Cruce- English II
Charles Cruce- Athletic Director
Starla Culbert- Business Education

Bill Dillsaver- Horticulture, Vo. Ag.
Mech.
John Duncan- Drafting I, II
Delmar Garner- Opportunity School
Estherlee Gee- Counselor
John Higgins- Business Education
Sandra Hill- Special Education

Steve Hill- In School Suspension
David Hutchinson- Social Studies
Laverne Hampton- English I, French
I, II
Gail Jackson- English I
Lamisha Jackson- Typing I
Jack Leist- Biology

On The Move

When the first bell rings for first hour class to start, students are either in their classes or on their way to class or straying from class. Whatever the case may be, Dr. John Shinpoch, Mrs. Toledo McGee and Mr. Phil Brown were always here to make sure that students attended school on their best behavior.

Dr. Shinpoch is a four-year veteran on the job and started a unique program at the radio station. Each Tuesday morning at 7:15, Dr. Shinpoch is accompanied by staff and students to talk live at KQ-94.

"We basically inform the community about the accomplishments of the students and staff at OHS," said Dr. Shinpoch.

He further commented that students' attitudes toward education

and discipline has greatly improved in the past years.

"The improvement in these two areas are a result of good parental and staff support," said Dr. Shinpoch.

Student discipline is one area in which a principal must work with other personnel. Dr. Shinpoch's help includes Mr. Brown and Mrs. McGee.

Mr. Brown handles discipline and attendance for the freshmen and senior class while Mrs. McGee works with the sophomores and juniors.

"I enjoy working with kids and trying to help them improve their outlook on school," said Mr. Brown, who is in his third year.

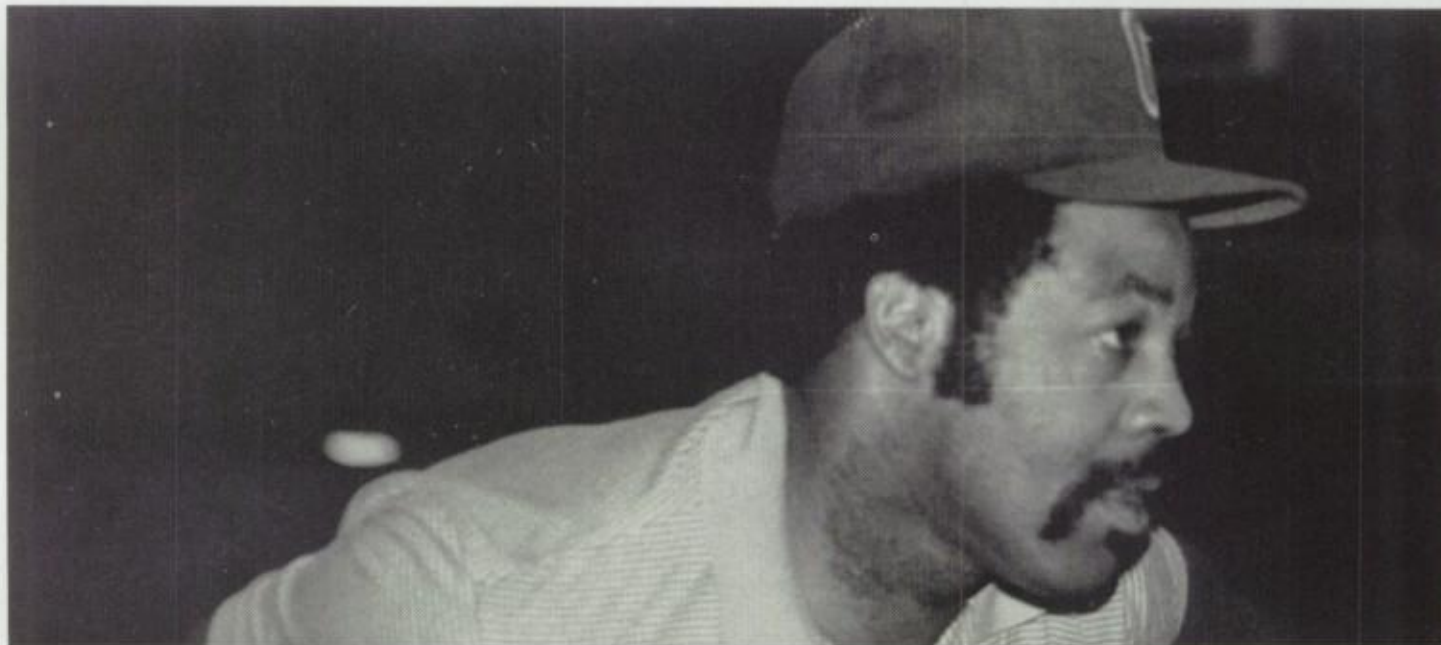
Indeed, the principals kept the scene on the move by improving discipline.



DR. JOHN SHINPOCH and Mr. Phil Brown discuss a computer program in the counselors' office.

TEACHERS PRESENTED DR. SHINPOCH a gift certificate from L.O. Hammons for a Christmas gift.

WITH INTENSE CONCENTRATION, Coach Gary Calip eases the bowling ball down the lane for a strike.



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Trigonometry, Algebra



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Rhodes, Dan- English I, II, Athletics
Ritch, Clifford- Printing
Scott, Carl- Psychology, P. E.,
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Scott, Carol- VCHE, Family Living,
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Skimbo, William- General Science,
Athletics
Slone, Hershel- Production,
Woodwork I, II
Sparkman, Larry- Music Theory,
Chorus, Music Appreciation,
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Taylor, Frank- English II, IV,
Tennis



Thomas, Zethel- Home Ec. I, II
Tuteral, David- Computers,
Consumer Math, Algebra I
Walker, William- Athletics, Math,
English
Walters, Gene- Algebra I, II, Gen.
Science, Athletics
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Whitfield, John- Consumer Math,
Geometry



Young (Scott), Marilyn- Oklahoma
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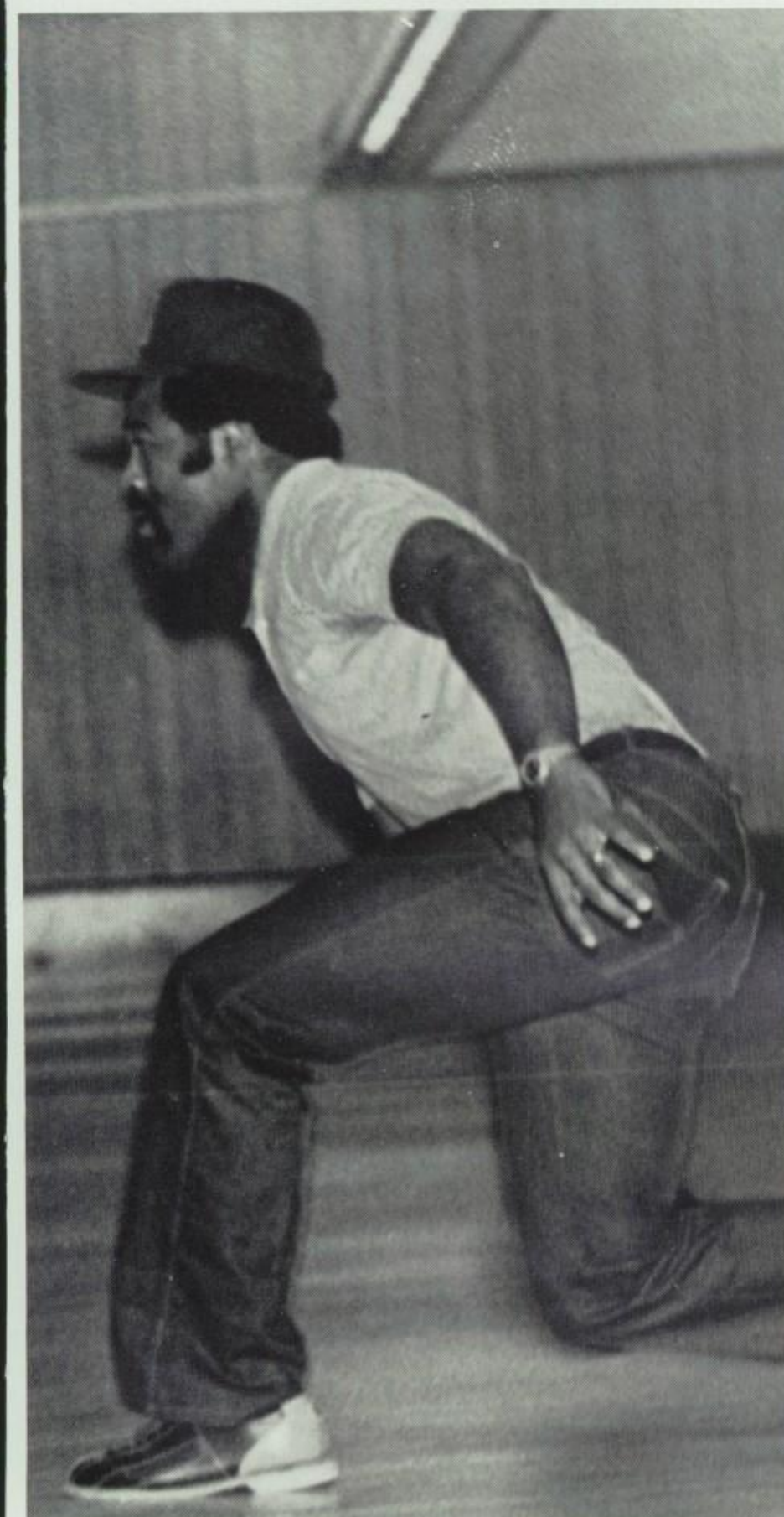




A RELAXING MOMENT in the teacher's lounge prepares Mr. Craig Brydges and Coach Frank Taylor for the day ahead.

SATURDAY NIGHTS ARE fun for everyone, even teachers. Coach Gary Calip spends some of his nights bowling.

MISS STARLA CULBERT lets her thumb do the talking as she monitors at a basketball game.



Using Time

Have you ever wondered what your favorite teacher does after school? How do teachers spend their free time?

Much of a teacher's extra time is used grading papers, and preparing for upcoming classes. Many teachers at OHS are also coaches, and they spend many hours with their players, setting up schedules, and leading camps during the summer. Other teachers stay busy by leading such extra-curricular activities as Spanish Club, plays, and band.

Still, teachers find time to enjoy themselves. Coach Gary Calip and Mr. John Whitfield spend a lot of time at the bowling alley working on their forms. Mrs. Doris Lowery and Ms. Gail Patton traveled to Europe this spring.

Mr. Dwayne Long uses his extra

time to relax by walking along the river or riding my bike built for two with his wife, Dianna.

Mrs. Martha Bryant (English) said, "I don't have much spare time, but the little I do have is spent taking my children to their various activities."

Mr. Jan Colombin likes to play with his daughter, Jenny, while Ms. Francis Williams also likes to enjoy her children in her free time.

Mrs. Lowery stated, "I'd rather sew than anything." After working as librarian at OHS and running the Glass Garden, she sews for her family and for all the school plays.

Ms. Patton likes to go dancing in Tulsa, travel, do her laundry, cook Spanish foods, translate, and look for a husband.

On The Go

While eating a scrumptious meal at the school cafeteria, many students fail to realize where this great food is coming from. Those delicious cinnamon rolls do not grow off trees. Thank goodness for our hard working cooks.

Mrs. Ida Allen, Mrs. Wilda Cowl, Mrs. Vonnee Hopkins, Mrs. Ann Jordan, and Mrs. Evelyn Smith are the women behind those delicious meals. If it were not for them it would not be possible. According to these workers, the most popular foods are pizza, hamburgers, and tacos. Of course one cannot forget the snack bar which is run by Mamee Churchill. The most popular food in the snack bar is ham and cheese sandwiches. Another favorite is blow pop lollipops.

All of the support personnel do the best job possible. The custodians make sure that the school is always looking its best. The clerical

MRS. KAYE CANTRELL SHOWS the ropes to one of her many jobs to her aide Shell Montgomery.

aides make sure that everything is going smoothly in the offices.

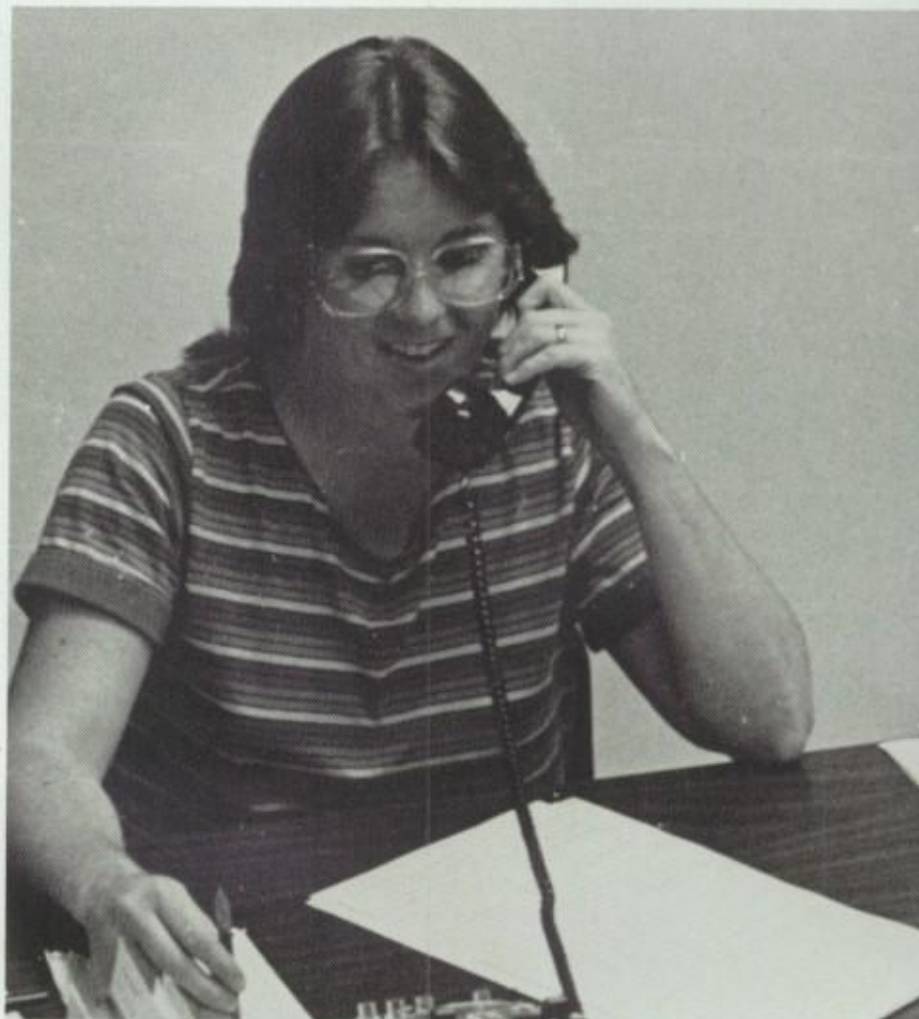
Mrs. Keesee commented, "My job as a clerical aide is to know where everyone is at all times. I also keep discipline records for sophomores and juniors."

The job of a clerical aide is not a small one. Knowing where every student in the school is not easy.

Mrs. Cantrell is a new clerical aide this year. "My job is mainly tracking down truents, making sure everyone is in class, and writing admits and referrals," she stated.

Mrs. Pindexter is a secretary for three counselors. She said, "My job is like most other secretaries. I answer the phone, make copies of transcripts, and record grades."

These are only the main jobs of the support personnel. There are many other small, but important, tasks to be done. The jobs of the support personnel could not be done better than that of the staff that we have at Okmulgee High School.



ONE OF THE BIGGEST assets to the clerical aide is the telephone. Mrs. Connie Keesee finds it is easier to trace truents with the Bell System.





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Mrs. Kaye Cantrell, clerical aide
Mrs. Mamee Churchill, snack bar
Mrs. Wilda Crowl, cafeteria
Mrs. Macel Cunningham, cafeteria
Mrs. Dorothy Flood, treasurer



Mrs. Vonnee Hopkins, cafeteria
Mrs. Irene Jackson, bldg. secretary
Mrs. Opel Jefferies, clerical aide
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THE ANNUAL POW-WOW is a big event in Okmulgee, and is held every summer. The events of the pow-wow included a penny scramble, which usually causes a big confusion.



ONE OF THE BIG surprises in the city this year involved this car. Out on "the drag" on the night of October 26, this car rolled up a small hill on main street-right into a train.



SHOPPING AT WAL-MART is one of the pastimes for senior Steve Clark and sophomore Donny Miner.



THE DRIVE-IN BANK at First National Bank is another convenience for Okmulgeans. The drive-thru stays open til 5 on some days, which is a blessing to students.



JOYCE POWDRILL works at Mazzio's Pizza, along with many other highschool students. Mazzio's is a favorite eating place for many people on their lunch break.

Ads/Community



THE FIRST NATIONAL Bank in Okmulgee provides banking facilities for many, as well as making needed contributions to the community. The relatively new building has a fresh, modern look.



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Local businesses help the high school in many ways. Game days are always evident downtown, with the Bulldog red and black flags waving in the breeze. Citizens of Okmulgee employed all over town, buy M&M's candy bars, calendars and candles by the dozens, providing many classes and organizations with funds for needed supplies and trips. The art and literary magazine, "Creations" has become a popular "bit of culture" for Okmulgee. There is also wonderful support of the drama department, with play audiences becoming more delighted every year. Many citizens also donate services to the various departments, and the drama department is no exception. Actors receive dance instruction from Mrs. Debbie Hess, and are often treated to free meals or hair cuts from various businesses.

"Grown-up" actors are also present in Okmulgee, and they never hesitate to show off their talents. The Okmulgee "Follies" is one of the most fun-filled events of the year, with bright costumes and a few over talented participants. Fashion shows are presented from time to time, this year's being "Fashion through the Ages".

Bulldog sports are supported strongly by everyone, and the community sports clubs provide a great service to the athletes. The Booster Club (football), The Tip In Club (basketball), The Takedown Club (wrestling) and The Dugout Club (baseball) donate much-needed funds and often treat players to pre- and post-game

meals at Mazzio's or Sizzlin' Sirloin.

Another service provided by many restaurants and businesses is the student discount. With the dollar growing smaller, a ten percent discount or a free drink is a great help to many. Teens may also find employment with stores in the area, and the expanding commercial environment provides even more jobs.

Okmulgee's "2000 Center" on Highway 75 expanded this year, providing the city with opportunities for shopping unavailable before. Extension I and the Hallmark shop were two of the newer businesses. Although the downtown area is not expanding, Okmulgee is usually loyal to old friends, and downtown shops "on the square" provide essential goods. Sixth street is still a great place to shop, and offers a variety of businesses and sightseeing.

Community activities provide fun and friendship and Okmulgee offers a large variety. The annual Pow Wow and rodeo has been a tradition for many years, as has the many other rodeos. This year saw the First Annual Pecan Festival, which proved to be a great success. Classes are offered at the Y.M.C.A. and at Okmulgee's own Oklahoma State Tech, where, young and old can find their own interests, whether they include aerobics or computers.

The town's many churches sponsor a great number of events every year. Several churches go skiing in Colorado every year, always with many eager participants. Methodist youth attended a program which took them to Washington D.C. and New York City this year. Trips to out of town football games and the Tulsa State Fair are just some of the activities provided by the dedicated and caring congregation of Okmulgee.

Citizens of Okmulgee, the Torchlight Yearbook of 1985 salutes you, for your unlimited services to your city, your neighborhoods, and your school. You make our lives more interesting, keep our organizations running smoothly, and always show that you care. Because of your parts in our lives, students of Okmulgee High School, "thank you", because you are really . . .

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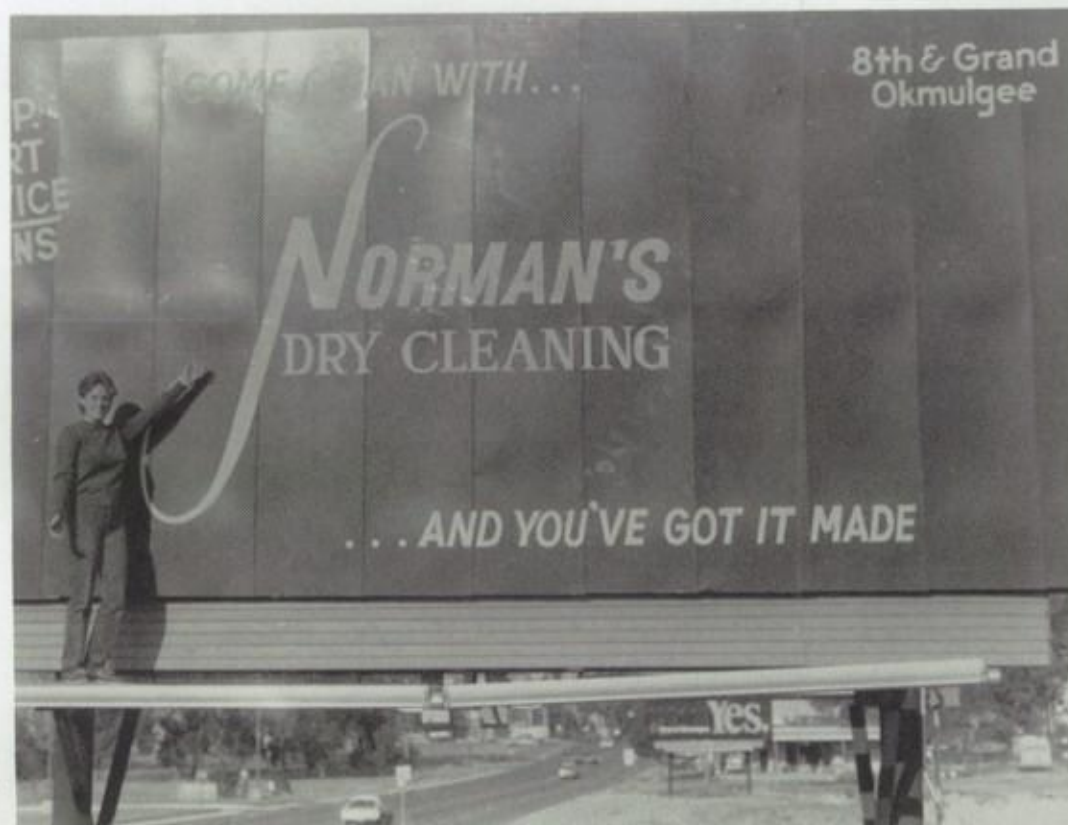
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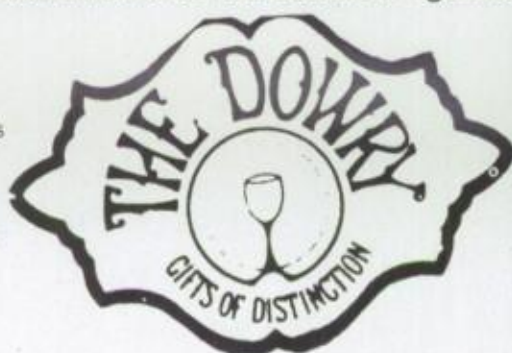


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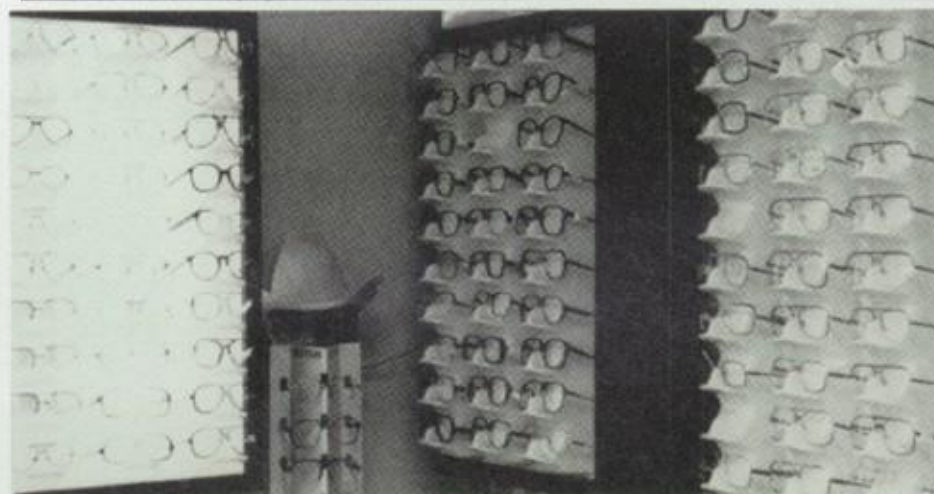


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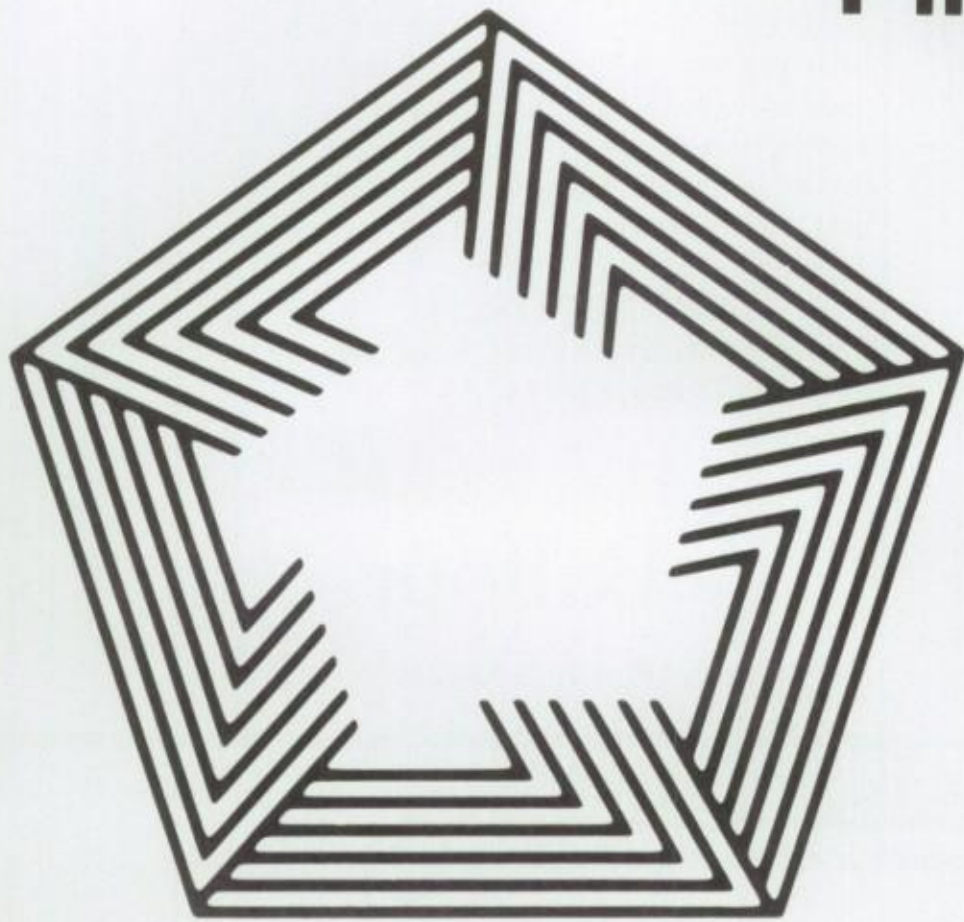
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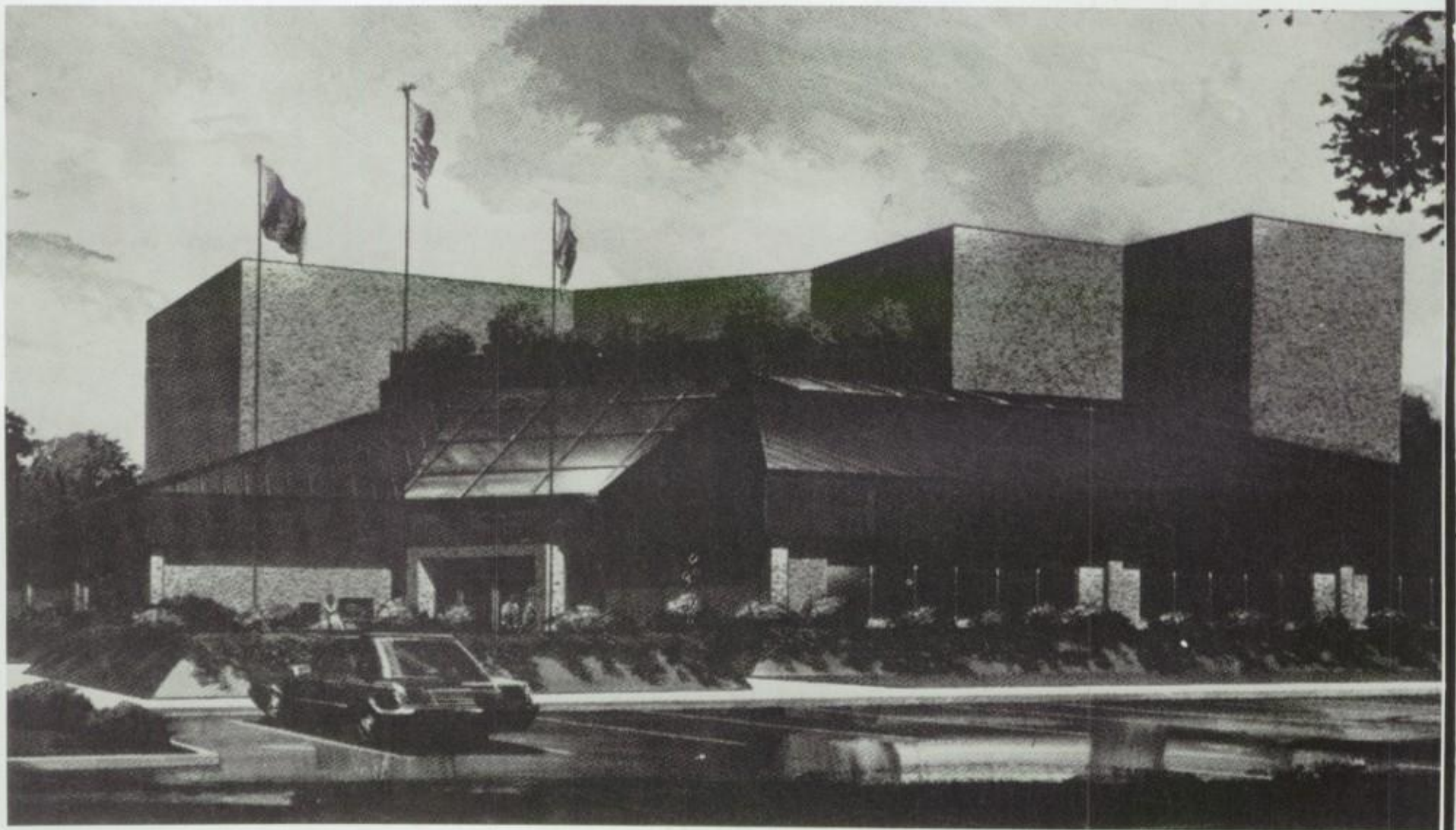


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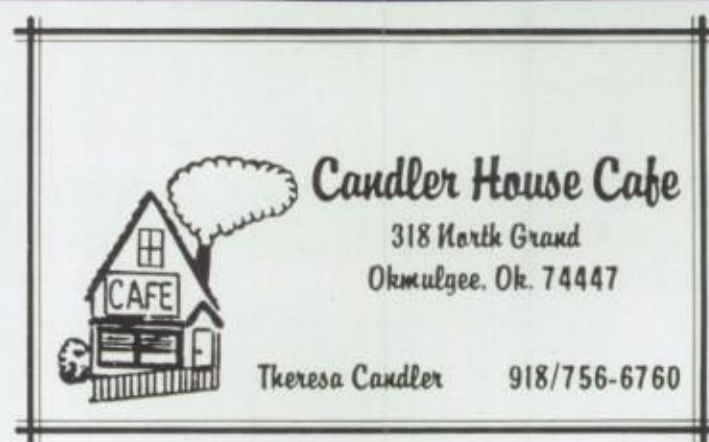
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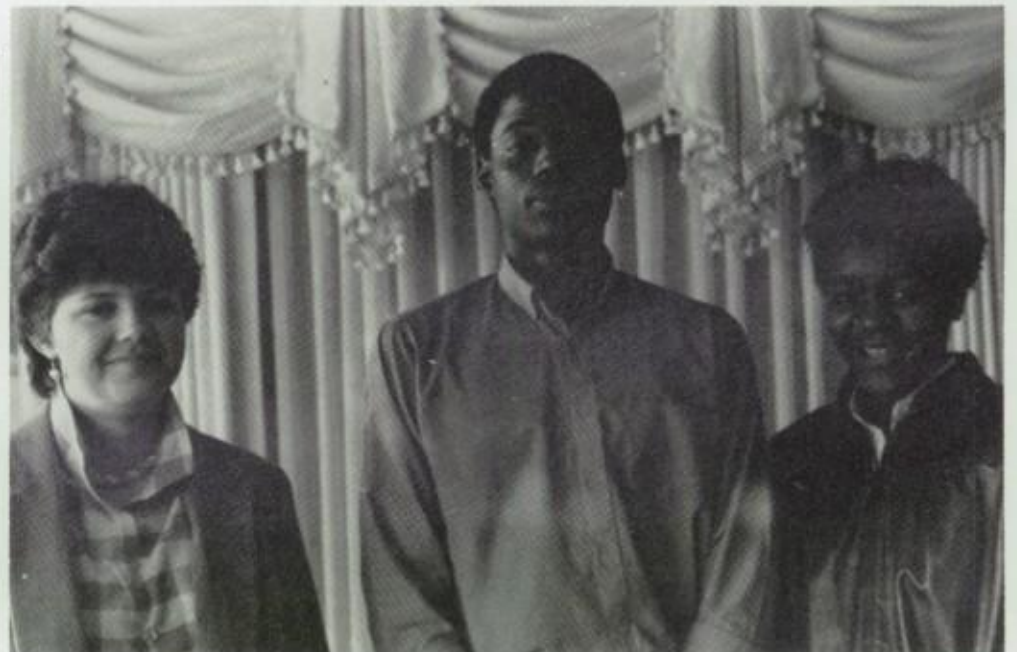
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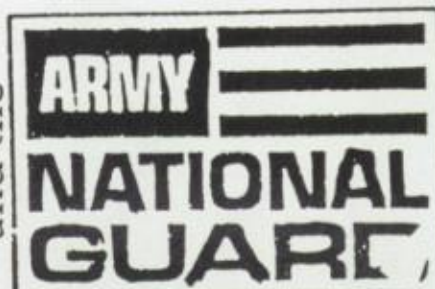


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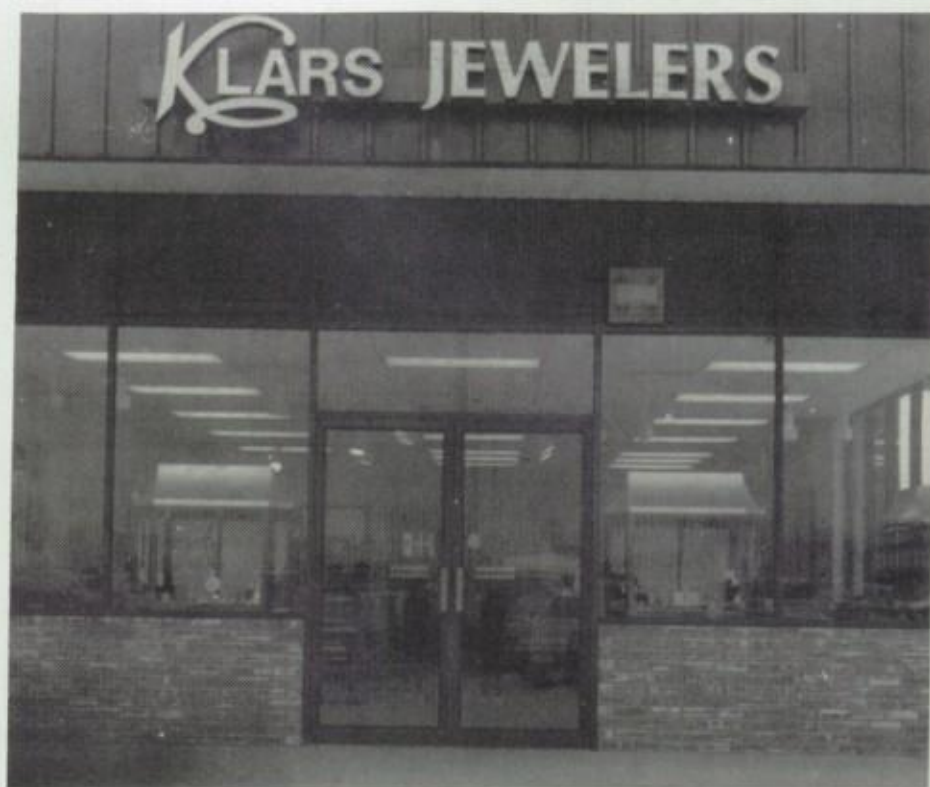


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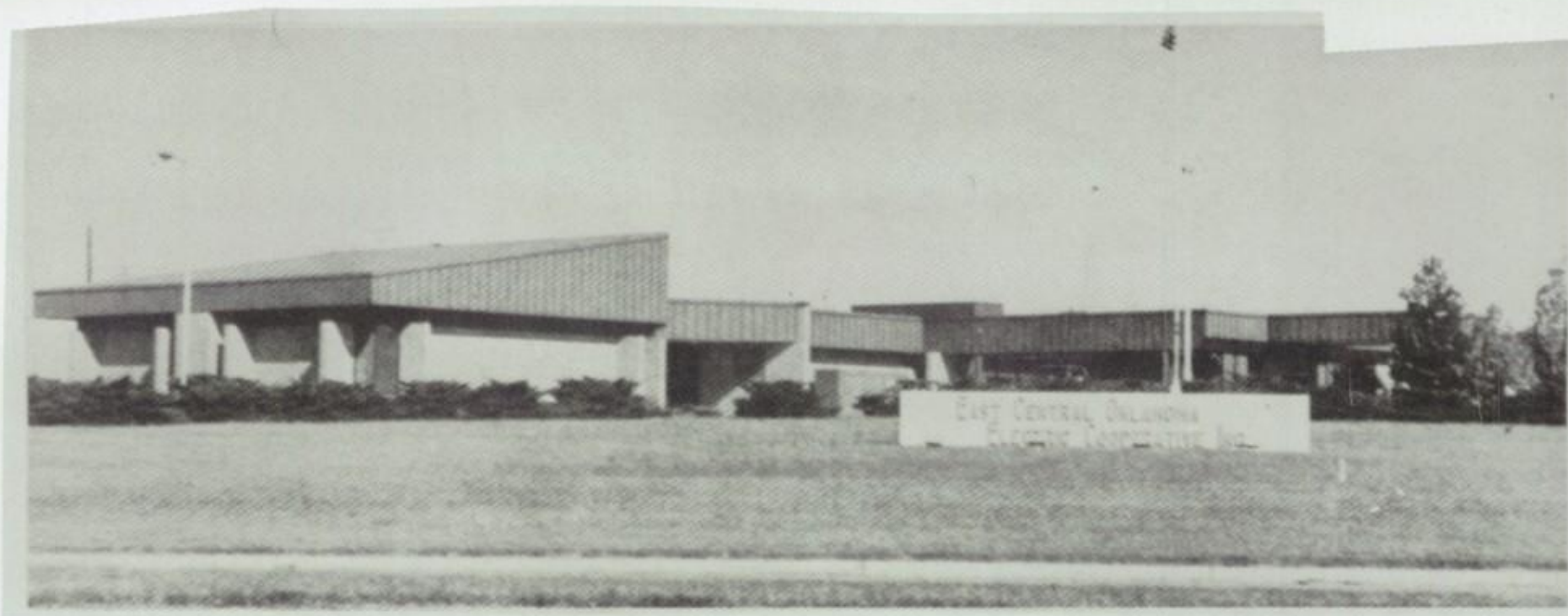
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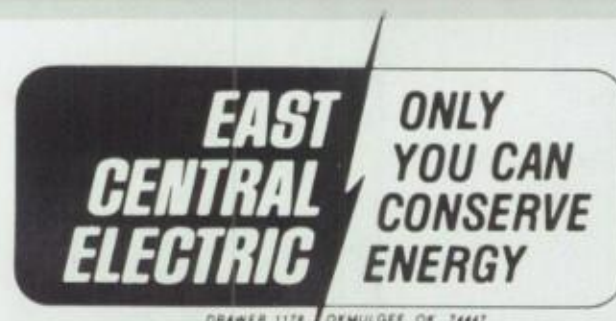
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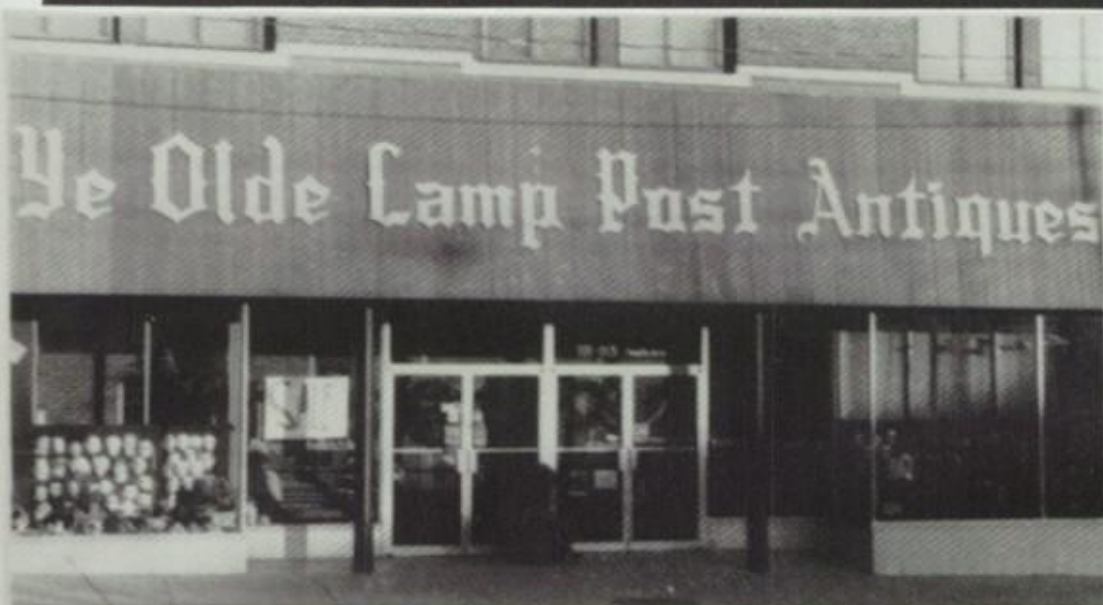
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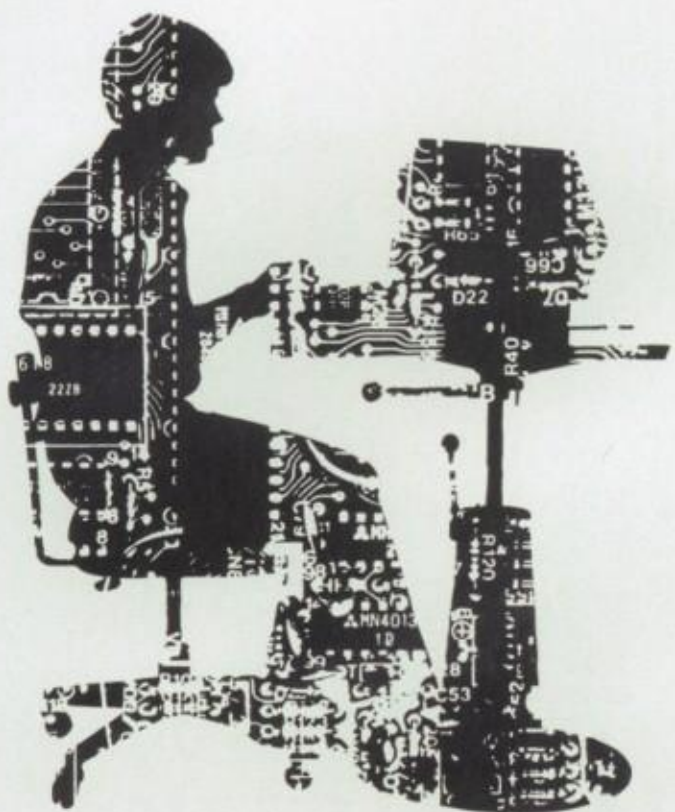
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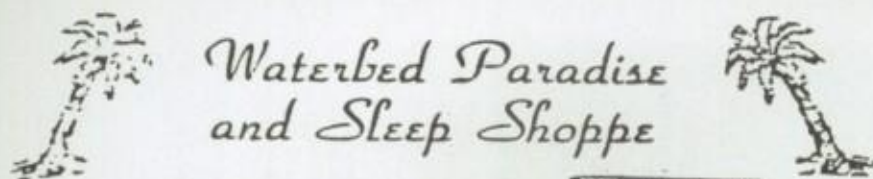
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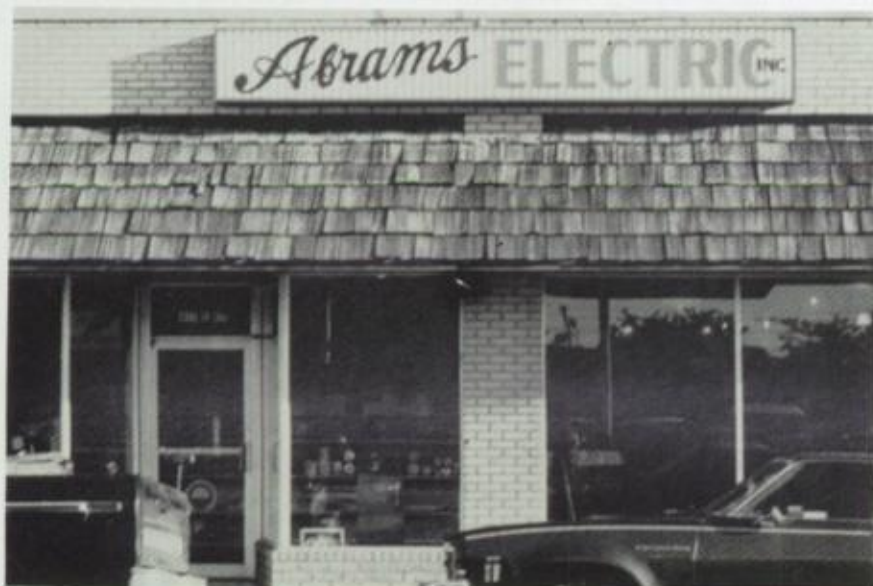
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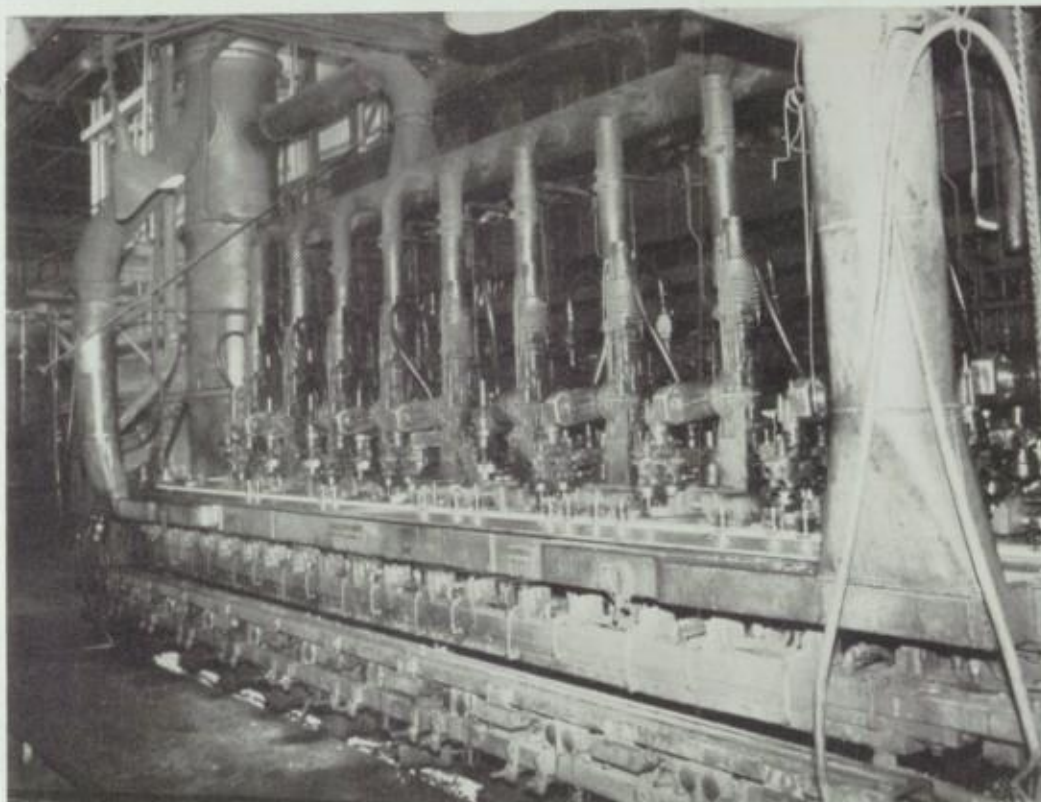
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The company has survived and thrived through its spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship. From F. C. Ball's invention of the first semi-automatic glass jar machine (the machine featured in this issue) to E. B. Ball's dozen-pack jar crates, to coil-rolled zinc and improved compounds for jar lid sealing rings, Ball led the way in its early businesses.

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When growth potential outstrips available resources, where do we go and where will we look for tomorrow's innovators? One obvious source is through support of excellence at colleges, universities, technical and vocational institutions and the public schools. Business and education must collaborate, crossing artificial barriers to share resources and devise creative ways to benefit society.

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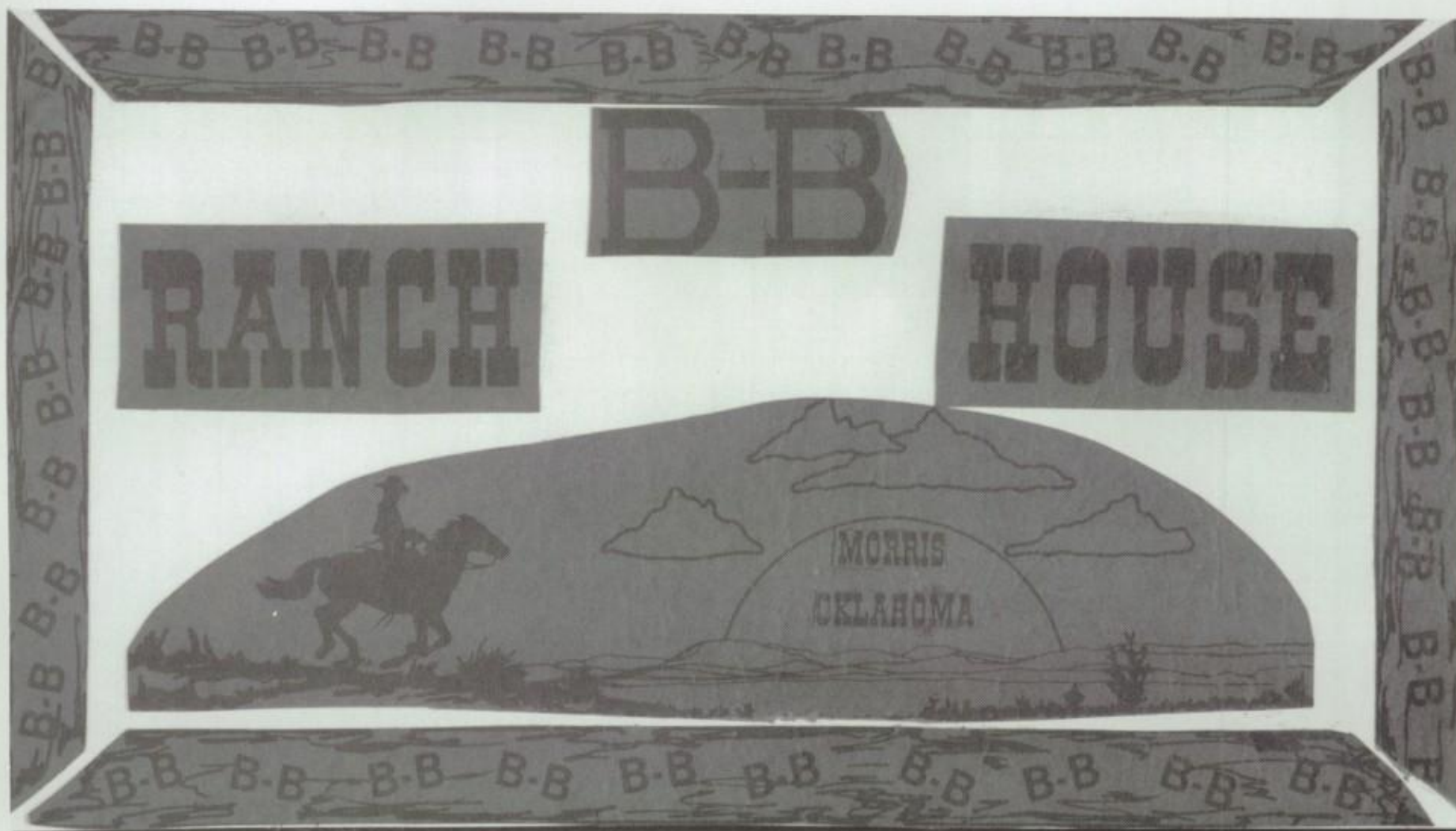
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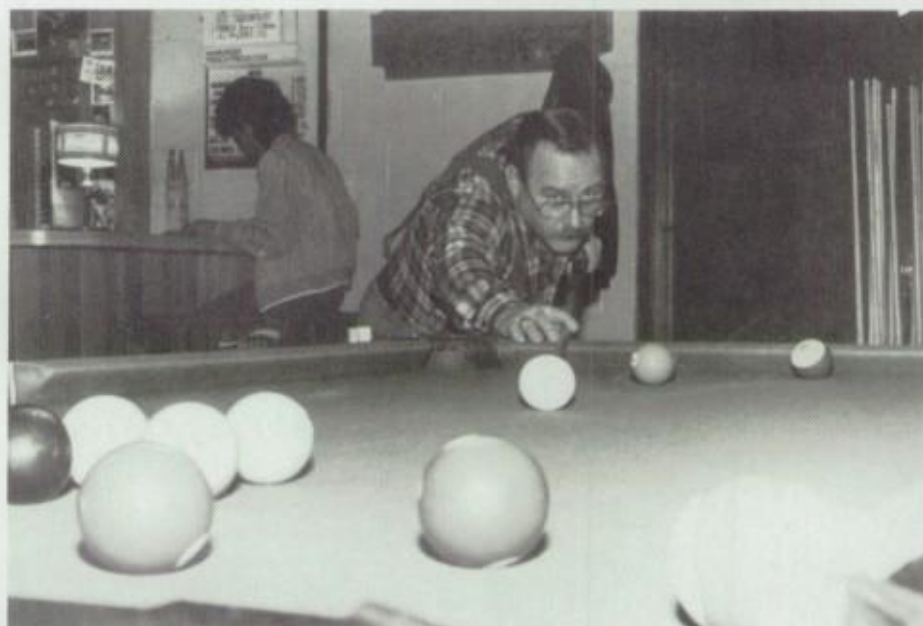


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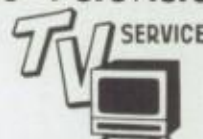
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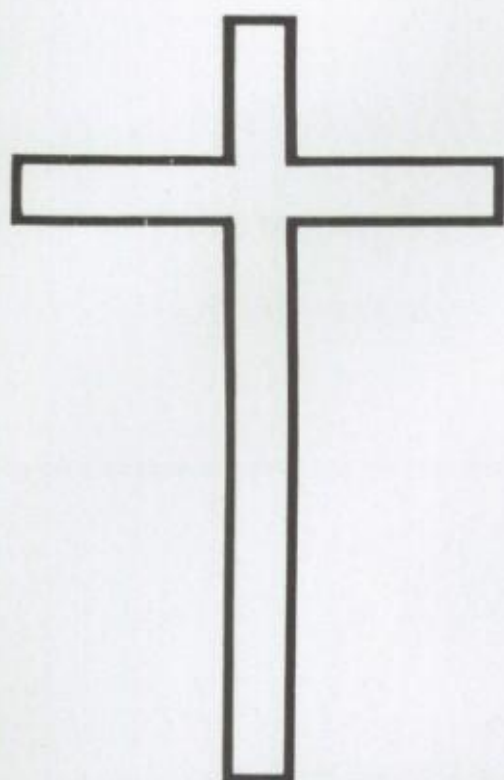
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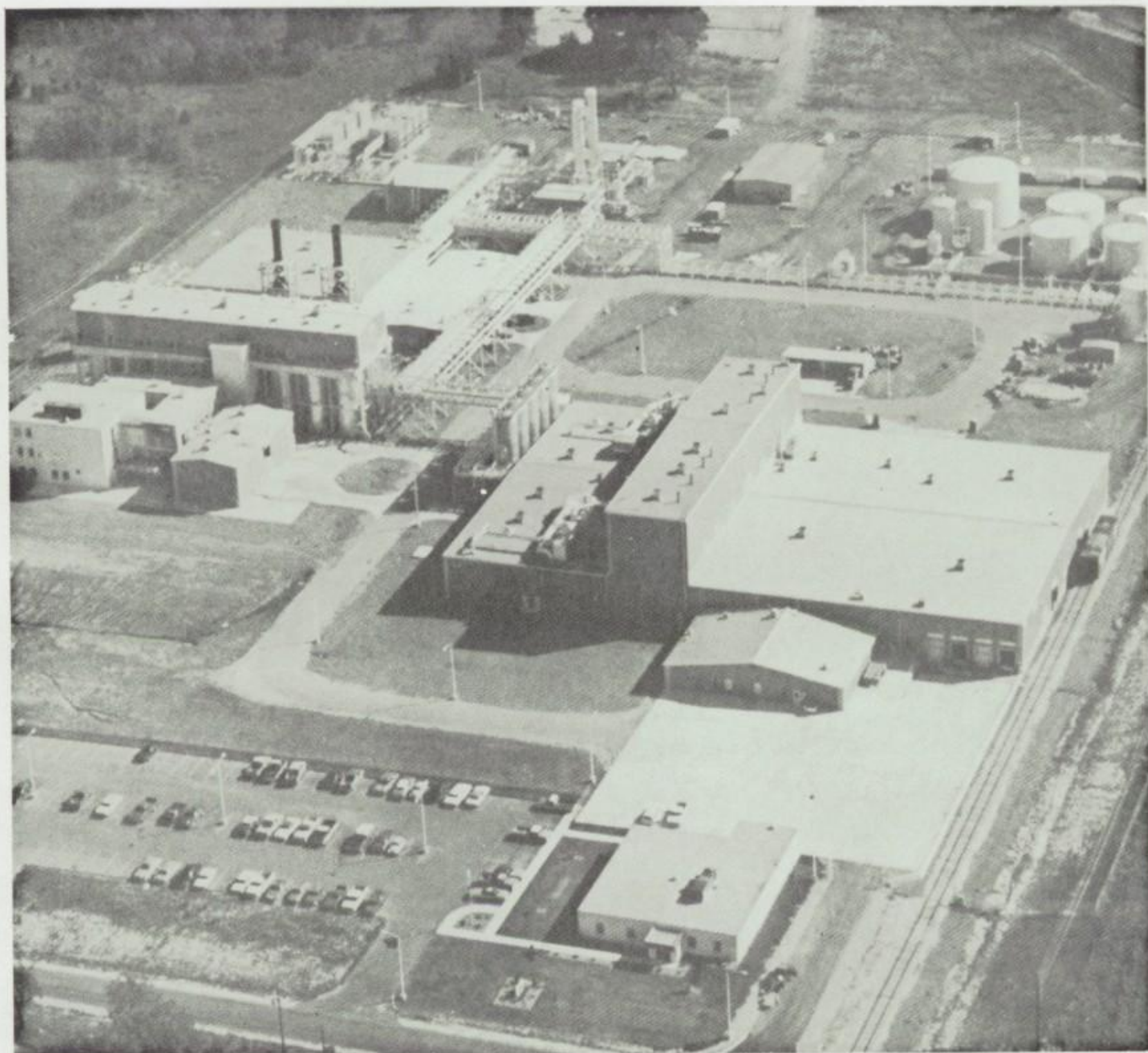
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Mr. Spoon Retires After 30 Years



Mr. Harold Spoon finished high school at Bokchito, Oklahoma. He served three years in the Navy in the South Pacific. He attended and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1952 from Southeastern State University in Durant. In 1956, he went to Oklahoma State University and received his Masters Degree.

He taught four years at Albron, Oklahoma where he served as an Industrial Art Instructor and high school principal. Mr. Spoon has taught at Okmulgee High School for twenty nine years. His service includes one year as wood work instructor and 16 years as Vocational Education (ICE) instructor.

Mr. Spoon is married and has two girls and two boys. Both boys are welders and one girl is a teacher of Vocational Home Economics at Checotah High School while the other one is a home maker.

As for his future plans Mr. Spoon stated, "I plan to move to Eufala and have a small farm with horses and cows. I also plan to do alot of fishing and hunting and enjoy my family."

Duringhis spare time from leisure, Mr. Spoon plans on building homes in the future to earn additional income.

He said that Okmulgee has been a nice town to live and teach in.

"Okmulgee High has had its ups and downs for the last thirty years. The kids have changed somewhat and I have enjoyed working not only with the students but also the teachers," said Mr. Spoon.

He went on to say that he hopes someday the things he have said and done has and will help students live a bit more enjoyable life.

He concluded by saying, "As I have always said, "if you dreams are big enough facts don't count; life is like eating an ice cream cone, you have to learn to lick it."

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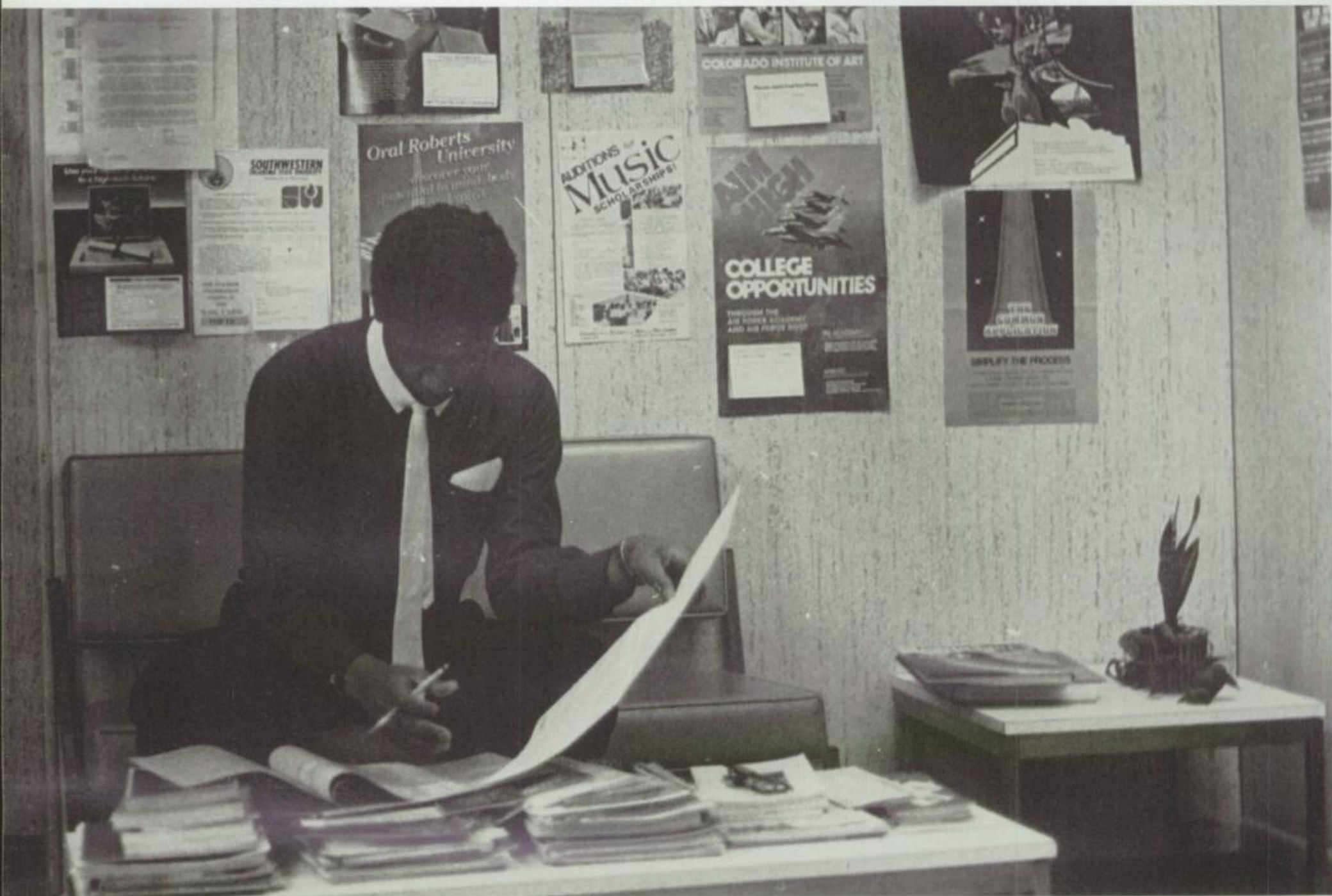
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Too Much To Be Done



Even though the endings weren't always so happy, the school year came to a close with a few regrets. To some, the days slipped by without notice, to others, they passed much too slowly. New experiences were there for everyone, however. Freshmen are now comfortable with high school and preparing to do a little damage of their own to the frosh of '86. Julius Caesar didn't get the best of the sophomores, and they will soon be upperclassmen-complete with cars, jobs and a few more gray hairs. For juniors, a year of fundraising, busy days and new responsibilities was finally over. They have "just one more year to go" now something that's a little scary at times. Some seniors let schoolwork go and had fun, others worked hard to bring up that all-important Grade Point Average in order

to go to college. Things that had never seemed important before filled our minds, for graduating isn't always all it's cracked up to be. Students of all ages had something that they could be proud of, or were working on it. Some got new jobs, some learned a new skill, some dropped a bad habit. There were all-staters in all areas - from business to acting and everywhere in between. We all worked together to be the best.

Other new things were pouring into the lives of Okmulgee High School students, or sometimes just old things with a new twist. The over-abundant snow made cold noses and slick streets commonplace. A little extra time out of school wasn't missed - at least until it came time to make it up. In spite of the cold, there

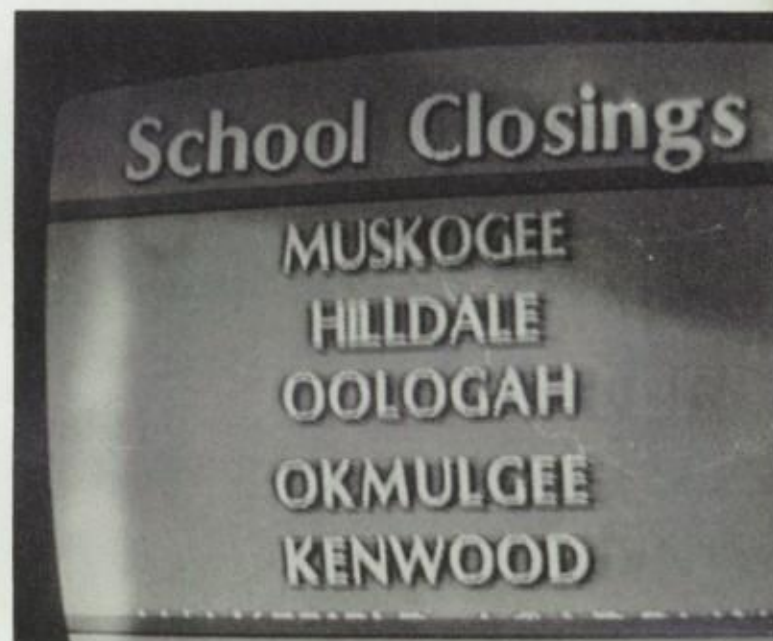
END-OF-THE-YEAR college worries are not just for seniors. Brian Gentry busily fills out his ACT form.

was a great basketball season. The Camphel presentation "Desperado" was great, and "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" was a sure cure for the blues. New teachers, new subjects and new friends were now just a part of everyday life, and these things would begin again next year. The lives of all teens seem to run into unaccustomed ideas faster than they can use them, and Okmulgee youths were no exception. The excitement wasn't always obvious, though, and freshness often wore off all too soon.



DANA REAGAN COULDN'T quite keep her footing when Stephanie Henry surprised her.

THIS SITE WAS a pleasant one in the middle of winter, but not so great on May 31st.



SOON FRESHMAN ERIC Abonadi won't have to endure getting thrown in trash cans anymore.



PILING INTO THE auditorium for movies is rough for those who can't see where they're going.



SENIORS CAROLYN CUMMINGS and Samantha Merriman work hard for their final Art III grades.

JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT Randy Davenport had alot of phone calls to make before the Prom.



Rapping It Up



JUST WISHPFUL THINKING for freshman Amy Williams-she'll be a graduate of 1988.

GRADUATION AND PROM are getting closer for an anxious Judy Hallemier.

What would OHS have been without tradition? If something works, and sometimes even if it doesn't, people are reluctant to let it go. The Bulldogs, as usual, showed pride in their school, and everyone from "diamond dolls" to "The Big Red Music Machine" helped out. School policies held true, but there was always someone there to protest them. There were the usual amount of rule-breakers, and the usual number of people in ISS. The drug-sniffing dog still made his way down rows of lockers, though no one took much notice anymore.

Pep assemblies, SRA tests, and autographs in yearbooks all fell into routine. The All Sports Banquet was a success, with the usual end-of-year awards. The "senior" float trip came and went, and everyone skipped school on prom day. Those who came got there at 8:30 and were starving by 12:30. Everyone still worried about money, clothes, grades, and the opposite sex - not necessarily in that order. Each person contributed to the school in his or her own special way. Some just helped with the average daily attendance, a few didn't even do that. There are students that will be remembered for their intel-

ligence, or their athletic ability, or their acting talents, or some other outstanding accomplishment, and some will just be known for their always-ready smile. All have made their mark.

There is no escaping an over-dramatic ending to any school year, especially for seniors. They will be taking on responsibilities, meeting unheard of challenges and leaving behind the twelve years that they may someday wish would return. After the long rituals of graduation, there is no turning back. But graduation means something to everyone in school. It means another year has gone by, and that there are many more things to come. It means that some experiences will never be seen again - whether good or bad. It means losing friends, getting rid of enemies and being one year older. Graduation is not only an end, but a beginning. There were still those people who made things bad for everyone: vandals, thieves and hecklers. There were also those whom we couldn't live without, though: the organizers, the guest speakers, the people in the community - not to mention the faculty, administrators, cooks and janitors.

VICKI,
I AM VERY
GLAD THAT I
MET YOU THIS YEAR.
YOU ARE A VERY SWEET
AND CUTE GIRL. I WOULD OF
LOVED TO TAKE YOU OUT BUT I
RESPECT YOUR PARENTS FOR
THEIR DECISION. I'M SURE
YOU DON'T AGREE WITH ME
THOUGH. I WILL MISS YOU
BUT I'LL BE BACK TO
VISIT. GOOD LUCK IN
THE FUTURE AND
GOD BLESS!

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FRENZ ALWAYS, MIKE TATER "CLASS #27"

The End

Finally, the experiments are over, the artwork is finished, the last game is played. Semester tests are taken, books are turned in and awards are given out. The cap and gown that have been wished for, waited for and worked for have finally found a proud owner.

But there are often mixed emotions about leaving such a familiar place. Graduates feel joy and sorrow, excitement and fear. They will be leaving a part of themselves within those bricks—in the library, the auditorium, Brock Memorial—in the desks where they sat and the books that they used—and especially in the minds of others. When these young adults look back and ask, "where did the years go? they will realize how much they made the scene.

IN JUST A SHORT time, Lisa Fairchild will be solemnly walking down these steps onto the football field to receive her diploma. She watched her brother do this in 1980, and has watched many others since. It's finally her turn.



In Memoriam

"He was a very nice young man. I shall miss him dearly." — Tammie Hollier, junior.

On the morning of February 6, 1985, the sophomore class was officially informed of the death of Kevin Curry, their friend and classmate. The whole school was deeply affected by the tragic event, and each class made a contribution to the family.

Kevin died Monday, February 4, soon after collapsing in basketball practice. No one knows exactly why.

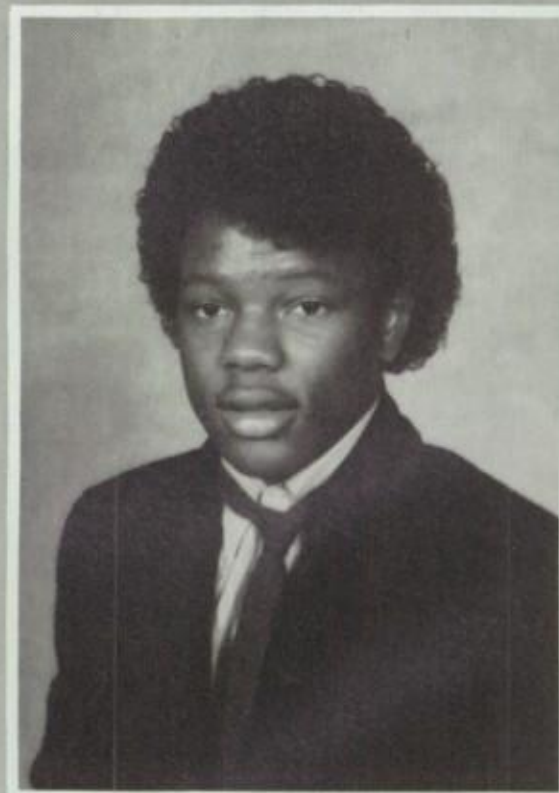
It was often hard to remember that Kevin suffered from asthma, for he was a very good athlete and had an exceptional personality. He was allowed to play basketball as long as he took his medicine, and dreamed of being the next Julius Erving - his hero.

He came from a very religious family and was

himself a Christian. He was noticed giving clothes away in his last days, and making lists of what to "leave" to others. "I think he was saying, 'I know I'm going to meet my Maker soon,'" professed his grandfather, Rev. Charles Harris. The rest of his family agreed.

The Bulldog basketball team dedicated their season to Kevin. "Every trophy we win will be duplicated and presented to the family," said Darrell Ruff, a friend and teammate, "we will miss him very much."

Curry's pastor, Rev. Janette Kotey, of Franklin United Methodist Church, conducted funeral services in the First Baptist Church on February 9. He was laid to rest at Lady of Grace cemetery.



Kevin Curry

Di: Vicki*

Tommy's like I have
known since 3rd grade when
we were in Brownie's together,
it's been a long time since
then with you still a real
good friend a nice young

lady!! you

friend

always

your

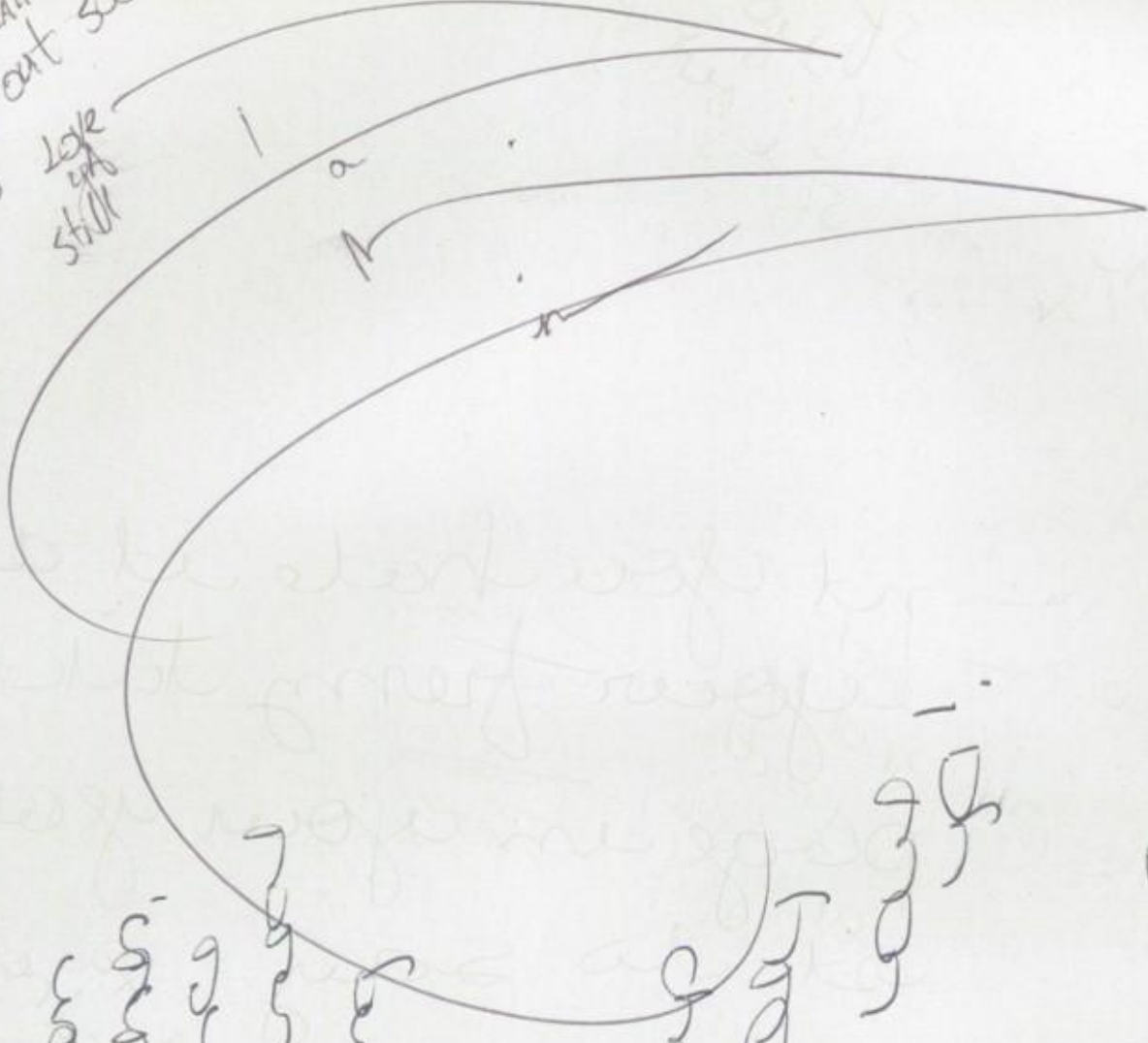
best!

Jeannie
Kirk
everybody
always
love you

P.S. Good luck in
the future

~

Vicki:
and your very cute
hope to see you lots
this summer call me
lets go out soon
Love
still



[illegible]

Don't you hate it when
one of your funny take a
whole page in your year-
book, just to say o o o o o

I wish we could have become freny before this year, but since we didn't, I hope we make up for it ⁱⁿ the years to come. I hope we get a chance to spend alot of time together and become the best of freny. I want to also thank you for being there when I needed a friend to talk to and a shoulder to ~~set~~ cry on. Thanks again!
Lylas always, Kara

Vicki,
Well, this is it for me. So I can't
look out for ya anymore so you
better stay out of trouble. and
whatever ya do don't forget about
me.

Love ya,

Priscilla
Regan

"Fatty"

Vicki,
you are a very nice
young lady and I'm sorry
we didn't get to know each
other a little better. Best of
luck in 10th grade and with
the guys in the future. Stay
cool
D'88" Rules. Fatregan
Nelson

Vicki,
I'm glad we got to
know each other. You're a very
good looking and nice young
lady. Hope to see you this
summer. If you ever want to
talk or go out give me a call.
Love ya always
D'88" Vick
HSS

Vicki,
every time
I see a young lady
as enjoyable as
you are, I'm
always a
little bit
jealous. I
wish I could
be a part of
your life. I
hope you
stay happy
and healthy.
Love ya,
D'88" Priscilla
Regan

Vicki,
I hope you
can do anything
you want in
summer. I think
you're a very
nice person.
Love ya,
D'88" Priscilla
Regan

To Vicki,
Well I'm so
glad that we're friends
You're a great person not
to mention pretty & sweet too.
I hope I have a lot of classes
w/ you next year. Let's
keep in touch during the summer
and I hope everything turns
out ok with you & Rick.
Have a great Summer!!

Friends forever. Love ya!!

Sharon

Vicki,
You are a very
person person and A.K.A. Squirrel
It really has been nice
drawing for you! But
you be sure and have a
great summer! I'm d'ing gonna
party till I puke!
Yuck!

Just always
Paul R.

Vicki,
I'm really glad we
had this class together.
I'm really glad your my
friend because you
are very sweet and
pretty so always stay
this way.

Jammy
McCart

see
you
next
year

Vicki,
To a friend that
I'm betting me in
G. Science this
second semester.
That I know I'm
going to get some
where in life
your friend
Reuben
Thompson

Love ya
Caleb
(oops)

Vicki,
To a sweet girl that I like
a lot stay sweet & keep on
in Spanish if you pass (ex)
Well it was a great year
and you made it even better.
Do good in all your classes
don't do your homework
like me

To Vick,
 you are a sweet
 person I am glad
 we are friends stay cool
 hope to see you in the summer
 Love ya Traci
 Boss!

Vicki I miss you
 very much I hope
 it's all good luck
 you are good luck
 in all good luck
 Hopefully we can
 become better friends
 in a few years to come
 Love
 Rox

To a
 very cute &
 nice girl who
 I've enjoyed having
 in class good luck
 in the future with
 everything. Love
 /Jab

Vickie
 I'm so glad you
 my friend since
 had let's a fun
 telling you my
 secrets in Brazil
 na na

Lylas
 Heather

4(88)
 H

Vickie
 To a nice &
 fine girl who
 I will always
 like.

K/F

Robert
 B.



Querida Victoria
 Eres muy preciosa
 y una muchacha muy
 linda. I've enjoyed you
 this year in español, te
 deseo mucha suerte.
 También tu madre es una
 persona muy especial,
 don't forget that!
 Señora Patton

Love
 Vicki
 I miss you
 very much I hope
 you are good luck
 in all good luck
 in a few years to come
 Love
 Rox

